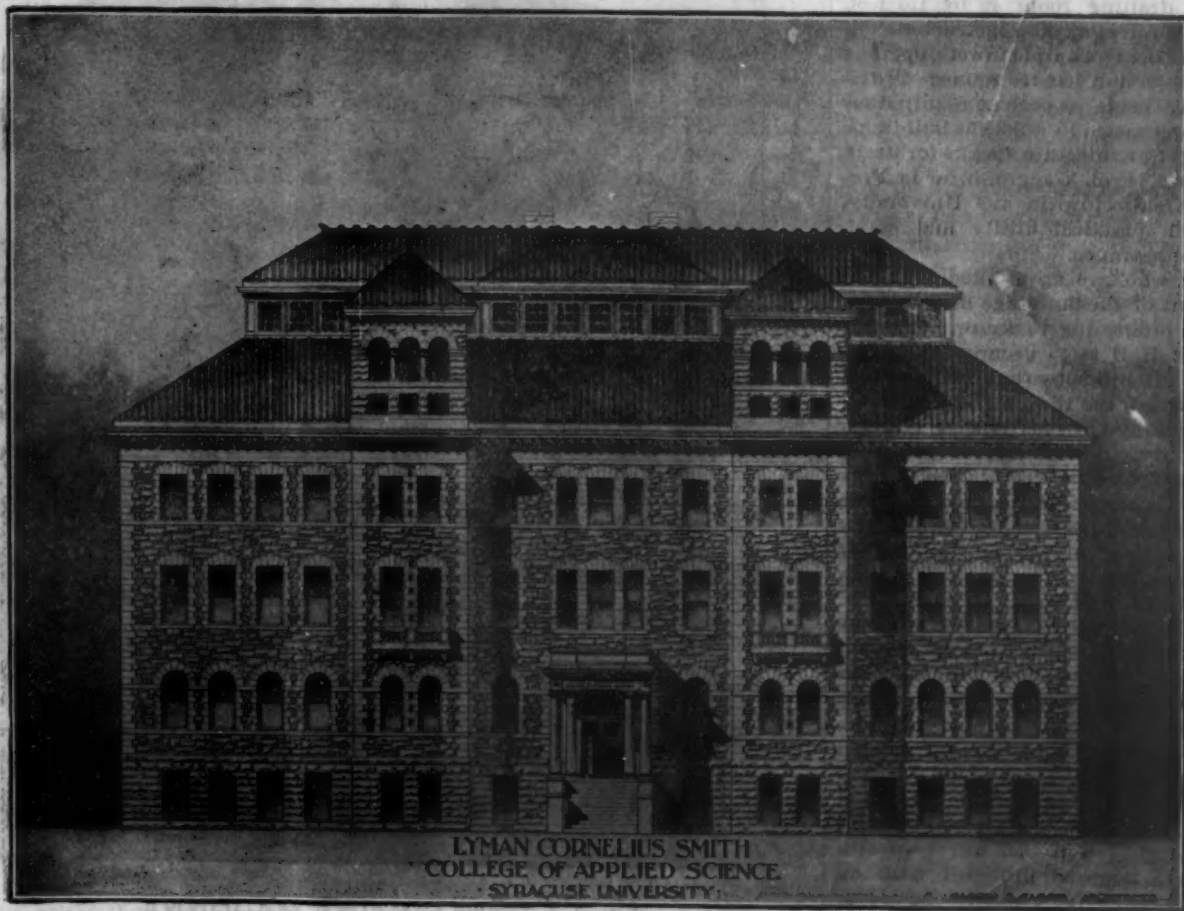


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A Superb Engineering Plant

THE electro on the cover presents a building now in process of erection at Syracuse University for the purposes of Mechanical Engineering. It is the first of a group of buildings which are designed for a College of Applied Science. The building is 133 feet long by 56 feet wide, and is four stories high, giving five floors, including the basement and the lantern story in the roof. It is constructed of Onondaga limestone up to the water table at the top of the basement story. The rest of the walls are of light Ohio sandstone, the building being entirely of stone on all sides. The roof is of red tile. The interior of the building is to be finished with faced brick without plaster. It will be a very solid structure, constructed to carry heavy machinery without vibration.

The interior arrangement calls for an ample hall beginning at the imposing portico at the front and extending through to the rear to accommodate egress to the other buildings that are to follow. In the basement will be placed the various testing machines used in mechanical and civil engineering. On the main floor at the left of the entrance is a large machine shop. At the right is the wood-working shop. Above are lecture-rooms, recitation-rooms, a library, and a museum. On the top floor is to be a drafting room 40 by 116 feet. Rooms for professors and instructors will be located in the two ample towers, opening into the shops and lecture rooms. Provision will be made as soon as required for foundry, forges, etc., in adjacent buildings.

The style of architecture speaks for itself. The architect, Prof. Gaggin, who is Professor of Architecture in the University, has secured practical utility and solid, imposing appearance.

To those who are acquainted with the arrangement of the buildings at Syracuse, it may be interesting to know that this magnificent Hall is to occupy the same front line and a space two hundred feet east of the east end of the Hall of Languages.

This magnificent gift to Syracuse University, the only Mechanical Engineering plant connected with any of our universities or colleges, is the gift of Lyman Cornelius Smith, the well-known founder and manufacturer of the Smith Premier Typewriter, a resident of Syracuse, a man of large wealth and equally large ideas. He purposes to place in the building as soon as erected expensive machinery and apparatus of the very latest pattern, probably with attached motors. It is his intention to make this one of the finest engineering plants to be found in the country. Mr. Smith is first vice-president of the board of trustees of the University. The Methodist Episcopal Church at large has reason for profound gratification that our own students are to be thus provided with an unrivaled engineering plant in one of our own educational institutions.

Rev. and Mrs. Elihu Grant in Palestine

REV. Elihu Grant and wife, Mrs. Almy Chase Grant, are about leaving Revere, where Mr. Grant has been pastor for nearly three years, and expect to leave home for Palestine early in February. With the sanction of the church Mr. Grant has taken up a new work in Syria for the education of the native boys. The work is under the immediate supervision of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends. This body have for years been carrying on a work for native Syrian girls in Ramallah, Jerusalem, Palestine. The work is educational and indus-

trial, the object being to train Christian teachers and homemakers. A training home and school where 33 of the brightest girls selected from all applicants are resident students is the nucleus of the present work. From this school certain approved graduates go out daily to their stations to hold day-schools for all applicants. The number in the day-schools is from 250 to 300.

The time seeming to have come for a similar work among the boys, Mr. and Mrs. Grant were asked last August, to open the new work in Ramallah, not far from the Girls' Institution. After consultation and thought, the Grants accepted. The arrangements were completed by agreement, Nov. 2, and the church at Revere notified the same day. Mr. Grant will retain his connection with the New England Conference.

The language used at the school is Arabic. As soon as possible the scholars are taught the English language, in order to open to them a suitable literature. The object of the school will be to train the boys as Christians, to give them the equivalent of a good English education, and to put them in the way of learning some useful trade. The post-office address of the Grants will be Ramallah, Jerusalem, Palestine.

The building for the new home and school is now being completed, and will be ready for furnishing when the Grants arrive. It is ten miles northwest of Jerusalem and about half way between Bethel and Gibeon. The fine new road from Jerusalem to Damascus is completed as far as Ramallah.



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Unparalleled Electorate

France, Great Britain and Germany are the only countries that have a system of universal suffrage approximating that of the United States; but in neither of these countries is the popular vote as large as that cast at our last national election. It was not possible to declare the full vote until the 19th of December, when Michigan's vote was announced. The several presidential candidates received the grand total of 13,967,308 votes, as against 13,923,378 in 1896. The successful candidate received a plurality of 859,824 votes, and his majority was 468,046 — the largest plurality ever obtained by any candidate. Four years ago the plurality was 601,854, and the majority 286,180. On Monday, Jan. 14, the electors chosen in the several States will meet in their respective State capitols and cast their ballots for President and Vice President. There will be 292 for McKinley and Roosevelt, and 155 for Bryan and Stevenson. On the second Wednesday in February the Senate and House of Representatives will meet in joint convention in the National Capitol, canvass the electoral votes, and declare the result of the election, and on the 4th of March the inauguration will take place.

Governmental Money-Lending

The present generation of owners of farms and flocks in Australasia was at one time paying as high as fifteen per cent. for advances on their crops, sheep and wool. Mortgages were negotiated at a lower rate, but even these averaged from eight to nine per cent. During the industrial panic of 1893-'94 the Colonial Governments came to the help of these embarrassed citizens. New Zealand led the way by borrowing \$15,000,000, which it proceeded to lend at five per cent. interest in sums varying from \$125 to \$15,000. South Australia, Western Australia and Victoria soon followed, and these four colonies now have about \$20,000,000 loaned to their own citizens. They have so carefully conducted this unusual experiment as to avoid confusion, panic or disaster. New South Wales has recently adopted the same plan, and should the next five years show as gratifying results as those of the last five

have shown, it would not be surprising if the Australian money-lending system were imported into the United States to take its place by the side of the Australian ballot.

Foreign Claims Against Cuba

It is reported that Germany has taken the initiative in making inquiries as to the responsibility of the United States for claims preferred by foreigners for damages inflicted on their persons and property while living in Cuba. This matter excited much discussion among the Peace Commissioners in Paris two years ago, but from first to last the representatives of the United States emphatically declared that they would not consent to any proposition to saddle on this country any part of the enormous Cuban debt which Spain had incurred in vain attempts to suppress insurrections, or any claims for damages on the part of any nation except such as might occur during the temporary occupancy of the island for purposes of pacification. The titular sovereignty of Cuba was never assumed by the United States, and the whole world was advised that all obligations recognized by international law must rest against the permanent government to be established in Cuba. Lest any misunderstanding should arise, it was distinctly stated in the Treaty itself that "any obligations assumed by the United States with respect to Cuba are limited to the time of its occupancy thereof."

Dividing the Profits

The various railways within the State of Pennsylvania employed last year about 500,000 persons, and operated 25,800 miles for freight and passenger traffic. The total earnings amounted to \$498,000,000. After paying expenses other than labor there remained \$214,500,000 to be divided between the laborers and the owners. Of this sum the capitalists took \$37,800,000 in the shape of dividends, and paid the workmen the balance — \$176,700,000. In other words, the employees of the railways received five times as much as the owners of them. The total receipts from passenger traffic were only about sixty per cent. of what was paid out in wages and salary. During the year the force of workmen was increased to the extent of 4,500, and to these was paid \$3,700,000 in wages. This feature is also noticeable in the report of the Baltimore & Ohio, which employed 2,000 more men, and paid out \$1,500,000 more in wages; and in the Erie, which increased its pay-roll \$940,000 by the necessity of employing 2,250 more men in 1900 than in 1899. These two systems alone show a total increase in wages amounting to \$6,140,000 during the last year. The wage-earner's interest is the

most important of all the considerations in connection with railway management.

Sequel to the Akron Riot

Last August a mob broke loose in Akron, Ohio, and, failing to secure for lynching a desperate Negro charged with an infamous crime, proceeded to destroy \$200,000 worth of property. There were those who were quick to seize the opportunity to claim that lawlessness and brutality in the North were very much the same as in the South. This is true to some extent, but the sequel to the Akron riot should come in for equal emphasis. Up to the present time twenty-two men have been tried for participation in this outbreak, seven of whom pleaded guilty, and all have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from thirty days to five years in workhouse, jail or penitentiary. Fourteen cases still remain to be tried, and similar results may be predicted of these. If in every case, North and South, the punishment were adequate to the offense, as it apparently is in this instance, the crime of lynching would soon become a thing of the past.

Vanderbilt Fortune and Taxes

From documents recently filed in connection with the administration of the will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt some very remarkable facts appear. His personal property was appraised at \$52,999,867 and his real estate at \$20,000,000 (the greater part of this latter sum being in his residences). The personal property was invested almost entirely in railroad bonds and stocks, in the proportion of one to four, and it yielded 3.28 per cent. These millions were invested in some of the best and most indispensable industries of the United States, and from these investments the salaries and wages of thousands of American families were derived. That is a very pleasing side to contemplate. It is stated on apparently good authority that he paid taxes on only \$400,000 of his immense fortune. After making all the reductions possible under the laws, it would appear that he should have been assessed for \$17,000,000. It is quite evident that had he borne his full share of the burdens of taxation on his property, his fellow citizens would have found their taxes very much lessened. The remedy for this unfortunate condition of things will be found some day.

Cottonseed Oil

It is not very many years since the cotton seed was burned as of no use. How great a change has been wrought may be seen from the statement that during the year ending June 30, 1900, the United States exported cottonseed oil to the amount of 46,902,390 gallons, valued at

\$14,127,538. What was formerly waste product has been developed during the present generation to the extent indicated in the above figures. This part is wholly encouraging and stimulating. It means a great deal to the cotton-growing States. It is in keeping with the improvement in modern industries which is ever busy with the study of by-products. There is another side which is neither pleasing nor encouraging. It is a matter of common report that a very large proportion of this oil which is exported comes back to the United States as "pure olive oil," and is sold in our markets as such; and it is also stated that large quantities of cottonseed oil are used in packing herrings which are sold as sardines under a label which indicates that olive oil is used. It is a matter of great regret that the financial value of this industry should be so seriously impaired by the moral character of the transactions in connection with it.

Anglo-Saxondom

At the beginning of the present century the area of the United States was about 728,000 square miles; at its close this area is about 3,700,000 square miles, extending over both hemispheres and in three of the five zones of the globe. The population has increased from about six millions to more than ninety millions. It is to be noted that the overwhelming majority is white, and speaks the English language. Great Britain now possesses twelve million square miles of territory, which is six times as much as she possessed at the beginning of the century. The population of the British Empire, outside the United Kingdom, is represented by exactly the same figures; that is to say, in 1800 there were 2,000,000 whites, and in 1900 there are 12,000,000 whites. The total increase is 249,000,000. These two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race, speaking the English language, certainly make a most impressive showing at the close of the century. In growth and magnitude they easily outrank the other great Powers. This is especially true when the world is specified according to languages. At the beginning of the century the English language was one of the minor tongues. In this first week of the new century it is the language of about 130,000,000 people; while German is spoken by about 65,000,000, Spanish by about 55,000,000, French by about 45,000,000, and Italian by about 35,000,000. Those who are expecting a practically universal language within the next century may find reasons for their expectations in this marvelous expansion of English.

Kidnappers at Work

Although the accounts are somewhat conflicting, there does not seem to be any reasonable doubt that certain desperate men succeeded in getting possession of the fifteen-year-old son of Cudahy, the millionaire packer of Omaha, and forcing the father to pay a ransom of \$25,000 in gold for his release. All the transactions occurred at Omaha in the fifty hours intervening between nine o'clock Tuesday evening and eleven o'clock Thursday evening (Dec. 11-13) and were planned with such dextrous cunning and carried out with such marvelous executive ability, that the perpetrators may escape punish-

ment. Mr. Cudahy received a letter telling him that if he did not deposit \$25,000 in gold at a place designated, on Thursday evening, his son's eyes would be put out with acid; but if he would follow all the directions in good faith, he should receive his son unharmed. Remembering the fate of Charlie Ross, the father paid the money and got back his boy. The police authorities may criticise him, but if they are not able to trace a band of criminals with a bag of gold weighing 105 pounds, there is little on which to base the belief that they would have found the boy, who probably weighs no more than that.

Canadian Trade

It certainly is a matter of surprise to learn that the trade of the single State of Pennsylvania with Canada exceeds the trade of the United States with South America. There is no doubt that the South American trade might be made much more profitable than it is, but those countries have responded very slowly to all our invitations. The one thing that differentiates the Canadian trade is the similarity of the tasks which the United States and the Dominion have undertaken. Both these nations are trying to develop the almost unlimited resources of a great country. We have made more progress than our neighbor, but that only stimulates her to avail herself of all the commercial, financial and other enterprises which we have built up. We already have a good trade with Canada. It has grown from mutual necessity and advantage, without any factitious aid, and it should be fostered and encouraged. There is nothing more important, so far as human eye can see, than that these two English-speaking nations be allowed to work out their future, as their mutual interests dictate. It is a matter of regret that the negotiations for a better understanding were so abruptly broken off in the early part of the present year. It is good news to learn that the Canadian Government is now disposed to renew the efforts for such an understanding between the two countries.

Unavailing Display by the Boers

It is a marvelous exhibition of daring, mobility and courage for the Boer leaders to invade Cape Colony at this stage of the contest. That they should be able to show an active front of more than a thousand miles, capture three British garrisons, and boldly enter the enemy's country, is worthy all the tributes that have been paid them. To what extent they had relied on a Dutch uprising at the Cape cannot be told, but they were quick to discover that, in spite of all the sympathy expressed by those of their own blood, their ranks could not be recruited there. It may be that after such marked evidence of their power of resistance they will find Great Britain ready to grant some concessions, but the final issue was decided long ago. The British forces arrayed against them aggregate nearly 200,000 soldiers, a very large part of whom are regulars, and the Boers have not a tenth of that number. Every important strategic position and all the lines of railroad have been taken from them. DeWet has escaped from no less than ten traps in which it was believed he would be taken,

but even he, brave and competent as he is, cannot hold out much longer.

Russian Consul at Bombay

The recent refusal of the Sultan to grant an exequatur to a United States consul at Harpoot, and the prompt appearance of the Kentucky at Smyrna as a diplomatic discourager of hesitancy, is recalled by the announcement that, after many years of negotiation, Great Britain has finally agreed to recognize a Russian consul at Bombay. She has contended that the functions of a consul are purely commercial, and that Russia has no interests of that kind at Bombay. It is understood perfectly well by both these nations, as well as by the world at large, that Russian consuls in India are quite as likely to devote their energies to political intrigue as they are to advance the commercial interests of the Czar; but the strength of the Russian army and navy has passed the point where Great Britain can afford to offer any pretext for a misunderstanding—at least until after the South African contest is settled.

Immigration Increasing

The reports show that the number of immigrants landed in the United States last year was about 460,000. While this is more than 100,000 less than the number who came over in 1891, it exceeds the number received in 1899 by about 148,000. During the last decade there have not been as many immigrants as during the decade immediately preceding, but the probabilities are that the first decade of the new century will show a considerable increase. The present inflow comes largely from Austria-Hungary, Italy and Russia, each of those countries sending us an annual contribution of about 100,000 immigrants. The political, industrial and financial condition of these countries is such as to warrant the belief that the inhabitants will continue to come in increasing numbers. This is a most undesirable class of settlers; but it is quite likely that Germany, Great Britain and Scandinavia will increase their contributions in the next few years, and this will do something to raise the general average.

News from the Philippines

The Fortieth Infantry did some good work in the northern part of the island of Mindanao during the month of December. Two strongholds of the insurgents were captured, and also the coast town of Langarin. After these successes a portion of this regiment was sent to Cagayan to join General Kobbe in his active campaign against the insurgents near that place. The Taft Commission is face to face with the first case involving the question of title to property claimed by the Roman Catholic Church. The San José Medical College was established by a bequest made during the seventeenth century, and the Jesuits were given control of it. Subsequently the Spanish Government assumed control, and, not long afterwards, permitted the Dominicans to conduct it as a part of the University of Santo Tomas. When the Americans came into possession of the islands, it was contended by the people that the college belonged to the Government, but the church authorities

claimed it, and would not yield their claim. General Otis ordered it closed, pending the settlement of ownership. The first hearing took place not long after the arrival of the Commission, when Archbishops Chapelle and Nozalada represented the church and stated its claims. Should the decision be in favor of the Government, the case will undoubtedly be taken to the courts.

Mineral Output of the Lake Region

The Lake Superior region is the wealthiest iron ore mining district in the world, and more than \$300,000,000 is invested in mining and transportation. During the forty-five years that these mines have been worked there have been taken out 171,700,000 tons of ore; and during the last year more than nineteen million tons were mined — an increase of about a million tons over the output of 1899. The transportation business requires thirty large steamers, costing \$6,500,000. The mineral interests of this region have passed into the hands of great combinations, who mine, melt and transport their own products to such an extent that only about one-fifth of the output is now produced by the independent companies. All that modern ingenuity has been able to suggest in the way of equipment has been unsparingly introduced. The mines are operated by compressed air and steam, lighted by electricity, and where a million tons a year were mined under the crude system of the early days, twenty times that quantity is now produced.

Exports of Farm Products

During the last four fiscal years we have sold to foreign countries domestic farm products aggregating the enormous sum of \$3,186,000,000. Of this amount \$884,000,000 worth was sold during the year ending June 30, 1900. Cuba, Porto Rica, Hawaii, and the Philippines have come to our home markets to buy domestic products valued at \$45,000,000, while five years ago their annual purchases did not exceed \$13,000,000. Our export trade with the Orient amounted to \$107,000,000, and of this sum \$11,500,000 was paid for cotton and \$3,400,000 for wheat. The Secretary of Agriculture gives these statistics in his last annual report and then goes on to say that in 1900 the United States paid \$45,000,000 for imports of raw silk — an increase of \$8,000,000 over the preceding year. He believes that a large amount of cheap labor in the South, which is now unemployed, could be made available for silk culture, and recommends an appropriation of \$10,000 to investigate the subject. South Carolina made some efforts in this direction twenty-five years ago, but with indifferent success. It may be asked if it is desirable to close a market for raw silk to countries which are buying largely of us, and which have little else with which to pay for their purchases.

Grain Crops for 1900

According to the statistician of the Agricultural Department, the corn crop of 1900 was one of the four largest ever gathered, amounting to 2,105,102,516 bushels; the oat crop has been exceeded only once, and amounted to 809,125,989 bushels. Barley, buckwheat and rye

show a very marked decrease, the yield being 58,925,833 bushels, 9,566,966 bushels, and 23,995,927 bushels, respectively. The hay crop was the smallest, with one exception, for twelve years, but amounted to over fifty million tons. The potato crop was 210,926,897 bushels. The world has largest interest in the wheat crop, and it will be good news to many to know that the present estimates place the yield at 522,229,505 bushels. The average per acre still continues to be very small — only 12.29 bushels. Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, California and Oklahoma have increased their acreage of winter wheat sowings by nearly one-fifth; while Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Texas and Tennessee have decreased theirs by more than one-fourth. Notwithstanding these large productions from the farms, we have scarcely touched the natural resources of the soil, and were we up to the average yield per acre which some countries enjoy, our annual crops might easily be doubled. The petitioners for national irrigation have many arguments on their side, and some day Congress will listen to them.

China Asks Questions

In response to the joint note of the Powers concerning the preliminary terms for a settlement of difficulties, China asks five questions, which are both interesting and relevant. These are the questions: Might not the Taku forts remain standing, though dismantled? Is it proposed to behead princes, the same as other offenders? If the demands are acceded to, would the allies cease sending out expeditions? What places do the allies propose to occupy? How long do they propose to occupy them? If the Empress Dowager has really formulated this list of questions, she has dissipated the idea that it is impossible to obtain anything definite from the imperial court. The sentiments reflected in the inquiries have found expression in official utterances by several of the Governments interested, including our own. Diplomacy is a game which continues to be played after the ancient fashion, and if China cannot keep pace with modern warfare, she may be able to hold her own when it comes to diplomatic contests. Meanwhile the Chinese Peace Commissioners have informed the allies that their Government has agreed to the demands as set forth in the joint note.

President McKinley's Great Reception

The first official reception with which the President opened the twentieth century, on Tuesday, was worthy the great nation which had for a second time chosen him as its Chief Executive two months before. Six foreign countries are now represented in Washington by ambassadors, and for the first time since the creation of this grade by the United States all the ambassadors were in attendance. The French ambassador, Jules Cambon, hurried his departure from France in order to be present — a courtesy that will not be forgotten in the career of this most successful of diplomats. Besides these there were twenty-four envoys extraordinary and five *chargés d'affaires* whose chiefs were temporarily absent. The procession of these foreign representatives with their *attachés* made a profound impression even in the capital city where such occasions

are common. The number was larger than ever before in the history of the country, and it also happened that for the first time every American Republic was represented. Everything conspired to add to the dignity, impressiveness and *éclat* of the event.

Events Worth Noting

Major Alexandre Alberto da Rocha Serpa Pinto, the great African explorer, died last week. He was born in Portugal in 1846.

France is coming to the United States to buy coal in large quantities, as the English market no longer offers satisfactory terms.

It is once more reported that the United States is to buy the Danish West Indies, and that she has agreed to pay \$3,240,000 for them.

New York city is to have a building erected on Broadway to be thirty stories high (455 ft.) It will be the tallest building in the city, if not in the world.

The foreign trade of the United States for the calendar year 1900 amounted to \$2,282,000,000; of which \$1,453,000,000 is represented by exports, and \$829,000,000 by imports.

The executors of the estate of the late George M. Pullman, in presenting their second accounting, show that its value has increased from \$9,000,000 (which was its appraised value when Mr. Pullman died, October, 1897) to almost \$15,000,000.

The British steamer *Glenloch* is to sail from Tacoma for Liverpool via the Suez Canal, carrying 221,160 bushels of wheat. The old route around Cape Horn is eighteen hundred miles shorter, but the high price of coal in South American countries would, it is believed, more than offset that advantage.

New Zealand has notified the Home Government that her full quota of men for South Africa will be kept up as long as their services are needed, and that recruits will be sent to take the places of those killed or wounded while in service there.

In 1633 Japan is said to have sent 150 lepers to the Philippines, and committed them to the care of the Catholic priests. General MacArthur reports that there are now more than 30,000 lepers, the most of whom are in the Visayas.

Mr. Wm. J. Lyne, Premier of New South Wales, having declined the invitation to form a cabinet for the commonwealth of Australia, the Earl of Hopetoun, Governor General, has invited Mr. Barton, who was leader of the Federal Convention, to assume the task, and he has accepted.

Henry Rocheforte having made accusations against Dreyfus, the latter demanded an inquiry; but the Government has decided to ignore the demand. It will be several years yet before any political party in France is strong enough to attempt to re-open that celebrated case.

Boston celebrated the coming of the twentieth century in the same manner in which she celebrated the coming of the eighteenth century, following the program which Judge Sewell records in his diary at that time. Buglers blew their blasts, as did the trumpeters two hundred years before, and Judge Sewell's original hymn was sung by a chorus of a hundred voices.

The Governor's Council unanimously recommended the pardon of Stain and Cromwell, who twelve years ago were found guilty of the murder of John W. Barron, treasurer of the Savings Bank, Dexter, Maine, in 1878; and Governor Powers felt constrained to grant it, "believing that in this, or any other case, it is better to err on the side of mercy than to retain men who may be innocent longer in prison."

THE NEW YEAR AND THE NEW CENTURY

IT should be with a feeling of peculiar seriousness and solemnity that we enter upon this New Year, which brings with it also the dawn of a New Century. Very rarely indeed does a human being live to behold on earth the morning light of two centuries. Few are those, comparatively, who are permitted to welcome the advent of any century. It is an impressive and inspiring moment, in the life of any soul, when it can say that it has passed over the borderland between two of those grand divisions of time by which the history of a universe is reckoned; has witnessed the passing away of the old era, and the entrance of the new; has lived to take its part in the crowning of what is old, and the inauguration of that which has in it the glorious promise and potency of the future.

To such an inspiring moment as this we have now come, in the conjunction of the New Year and the New Century. Never again, in the lives of any of us, will there be so grand and so solemn a New Year. Our feelings and our resolves at this time ought to be the most memorable of any in our personal history. It would surely have been natural and becoming for us to look forward for years to so momentous an occasion; and we ought for years to come to look back upon this first of January, 1901, as the date of such serious and noble resolves and beginnings as might almost transform an ordinary life.

Standing on this double threshold of New Year and New Century, let us look forth for a few moments on the new life and the new movements that seem likely to start into vigorous activity during the course of the first year of the century. For, arbitrary as such a division of time may seem, these successive periods of a hundred years do assuredly mark distinct epochs and revolutions in human history. There is something about the birth of a new century that is vital, energizing, awakening, and men seize the occasion to inaugurate reforms and to push forward grand enterprises.

First of all, we seem destined to enter, during the year 1901, upon a period of great enlightenment and breadth and freedom of thought. The new century will do away altogether with mere prescription, intolerance, and arbitrary authority in matters of opinion, whether religious, political, literary, scientific, or social. The new era promises to be one of marked and unexampled independence. Creeds are likely to be, not so much done away with, as illumined, revised, and amalgamated. Political parties will no longer present hard and fast lines, but will be subject to growth and change, and citizens will pass freely from one to another, according as any party may grow in the direction of their own more enlightened convictions.

Another characteristic of the century, likely to evince itself during this new year, will be the demand for veritable peace on earth and good-will to men. The recent wars in which leading world-powers have been engaged have been either wars tending to eventuate in a more established peace, or of such a character that no government, in view of the verdict of human-

ity, will ever be likely to repeat them. Indeed, nothing could more effectually have advanced the interests of universal peace than the military disturbances that have marked the close of the nineteenth century. The coming era will be an era of brotherly agreement, if not brotherly love; and we shall have no further need of battle hymns, save such as celebrate the victories of the kingdom of Christ over the kingdom of evil.

The new era promises, also, to be marked by a splendid advance in that better and riper kind of material prosperity which expends its accumulations of material wealth in immediate improvement of the conditions of life. Private philanthropy will doubtless flourish as never before during the period which this new year introduces; and the public administration of public funds for the good of all the people will be promoted with all the intelligence and fidelity of that passion of helpfulness which has rightly been called "the new altruism."

The year 1901 will see evidences of the birth of a new civic virtue and righteousness, such as is even now stirring to its foundations the great and corrupt city of New York. Honor and righteousness will soon hold everywhere the reins which we have too long resigned, supinely, to plunderers and immoralists of the vilest sort. Fifty years of the new century—if we do not mistake the signs—will create a new society in all Christian lands, governed by a new and nobler hierarchy of character and ability.

These, lightly and briefly sketched, are a few of the beams of that dawn which already seems diffusing a new joy and hope over the world, with the advent of the New Year. May God help all Christian men and women to play their part with consecrated zeal in the grand revolutions and emancipations of the twentieth century! It is not without sacred privilege and responsibility that we have been spared to welcome this new era. Let us lay our exalted duty upon our hearts, and strive with prayer to be faithful to the enlarging work of the Master.

ATMOSPHERE OF GOODNESS

MANY of our readers have stood in the room in Dresden where the picture known as the Sistine Madonna is placed; and the beautiful picture has made the room a sanctuary. There are no signs posted requesting silence. None are necessary. The picture is enough to bring all loud tones to whispers, and all rough ways are softened to gentleness when people enter the room. Men and women look, and think deeply, and then go out. The picture has created its own atmosphere.

It is so pure, so beautiful, and so holy, that every soul that comes where it is must be hushed and ennobled by the picture. It is a sign of the deeper principle by virtue of which the soul creates its own atmosphere. It is so easy to be noble when we are in the presence of some people and so easy to be base when we are with others. This is because character makes an atmosphere of its own—we are sensitive to the tonic of strength and purity, and we respond to the depression

of an atmosphere contaminated by moral poison.

And so there is a test of character which is very severe and radical. It is simply this: Does your presence and influence make it easier for other men to be noble when they are with you? Is the atmosphere of your spirit bracing or depressing to the people who come in contact with you? The atmosphere of character is made spontaneously. It is nothing that we can give being to by striving to have it thus. The nature of goodness is to create a world of goodness in which it dwells. We are responsible for being of such a character that our world will make others better. Character creates its own atmosphere. We are responsible for character, which is far more than reputation.

REVIVAL SEASONS

SEASONS of widespread and general religious awakening are of irregular and uncertain occurrence. The laws of spiritual awakening are fully known only to God, and the complexities of human freedom, the diverse interests of communities, and the perversities of human action, place the season of revival largely beyond the control of man. But the times for ingathering are always at hand. It is never wise to put off revival work, or to say it is no time for special effort. "The days come, saith the Lord, when the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed." There is no fixed hour for the wise winner of souls. If it be not a time of great ingathering, there is always the gleanings of the hedgerows and the corners of the field.

But there are also seasons of bountiful spiritual harvest when the Spirit of God pervades the church, when He awakens, melts, almost overpowers, and mightily persuades souls to come to God. Whole communities are moved by the Spirit almost as by the sensible presence of God, and men say, "Lo! God is in this place and I knew it not."

We need not stop to philosophize about the facts, or attempt to explain or to bring them into the realm of natural law. For that matter, natural law is not less inexplicable than spiritual, and its movings but little better understood. Who can tell why iron melts with heat more than why souls yield to the touch of conscience? The essential thing in this matter of revival is that they who keep near the heart of God may apprehend the movement of the Spirit and may move in co-operative harmony therewith. And for these times it becomes God's people to be awake and alert to move responsive to the Spirit.

God moves with infinite wisdom. Times and seasons are in His hands. He uses the changing conditions of mankind to ring alarm bells in the soul, to arouse communities, to accumulate and multiply convictions. The watch-night bell arrests attention. The turning of a century corner opens a vista which stretches away and loses itself in the blur of eternity. And while the soul pauses in the waiting silence, God makes His voice heard. The mighty mysteries of life and the measureless depths of eternity contrast with the trivialities of the day and challenge the soul to weigh the values of holiness and heaven.

So God seizes the shifting scenes of time to call attention to the immensities of eternity and to contrast the passing pleasures of sin with the enduring glories of righteousness. So God shoots the arrows of conviction into the challenged soul. It is such conjunction of human souls in harmonious working with the Divine Spirit upon the arrested attention of a community which makes possible a season of sweeping revival. Happy the church that catches the Spirit of God and moves in harmony with His divine will to the work of human salvation! Happy he who thus moves with God's army of conquest into the twentieth century!

THE BROWN CHAIR

A QUIET corner and a book have ever been accounted by wise men the chief delight which this earth can afford. And surely there is no other joy to be compared, in its refined and unalloyed and unwasting quality, with the joy that comes through companionship with the noblest books. What other joy is there that does not some time begin to pall upon the taste? But the love of books and the delight of books grow upon the soul — grow with the devotement of days and years and life itself, so that the true book-lover is always keener for his delight today than yesterday, this year than last year, and the old man bends over his chosen volume with an ardor unknown to youth. If there is one of earth's pleasures which can be thought to be immortal, I think most of us would agree that it is the joy of reading. That is something, we all feel, from which our dust might fall away — the single pure residuum of life, fit to be exalted with the soul into heaven itself.

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There was a titanic man — Thomas Carlyle, himself writer of some of the best literature the world has ever seen — who once made such an excellent and divinely sensible remark in an address of his, that I always think of it when I am casting about me for the next delectable volume to seize upon and bear off with me to the depths of my easy chair. We all want to read, of course, the books that are noblest, most elevating, most sacred; and I know that I used very often to be at a loss to determine what a sacred book really is. But Carlyle, with his divine good sense and penetrating insight, put an end to all that uncertainty long ago, when I came to read his incomparable address, "On the Choice of Books," delivered to the students of the University of Edinburgh, April 2, 1866. Said he, in that address: "It is a curious thing that I remarked long ago, and have often turned in my head, that the old word for 'holy' in the German language — *heilig* — also means 'healthy.' And so *Heilbronn* means 'holy-well,' or 'healthy-well.' We have in the Scotch 'hale;' and I suppose our English word 'whole' — with a 'w' — all of one piece, without any hole in it — is the same word. I find that you could not get any better definition of what 'holy' really is than healthy — completely healthy. *Mens sana in corpore sano.*"

With that came into my mind a flood of light as to the kind of books I ought to choose and hold most sacred. The holy books are the healthy books — the thoroughly and redeemingly healthy books, that sweep the mind with winds of pure, wholesome, tonic thoughts that cheer and invigorate the soul like freshest, sweetest, most sparkling spring water. Any book that brings health to the spirit of man brings holiness to it. No perfunctory sanc-

tity, no advertised piety, no panoply of ecclesiasticism, can make any book holy if it be not, clear to the core of it, healthy, wholesome, full of saving sweetness. But if it be only healthy, it may be as far from conventional sanctity as the bird's song from the priest's chant, and in the quiet of the soul we shall know that it is holy, for it will bring God near to us.

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To any one looking out upon the wilderness of books of our day — a blossoming and beautiful wilderness, but how vast and unexplored! — and asking himself in bewilderment, "Whither shall I go? What shall I choose?" the Brown Chair can offer no better word of brotherly counsel than just this: "Seek always the *healthiest* books, for they are the holiest." "But how shall we know a healthy book?" you ask. How, rather, shall we get away from the infection, the spreading, all-captivating charm of it? Tidings of the healthy books are everywhere in the air. No sooner are they published than their names are in everybody's mouth, and you think of them as often as you come within sight of a book-shop. How long — to speak of comparatively late books — did it take the whole English-speaking world to find out, and communicate to every Saxon intelligence, the good news that Mr. Barrie had written "Sentimental Tommy," and that, in spite of its far from sanctimonious title, it was one of the holy and imperishable books of the century, because so full of health that one could not read it without laughing and crying together, and becoming touched and warmed and sweetened down to the very core of one's most human heart? And how about the entire series of Mr. Barrie's incomparable books? How about "The Bonnie Briar Bush," and "Ben Hur," and "Quo Vadis," and "David Harum," and a dozen other volumes I might name, that went straight to the heart of humanity? Would an intelligent person have had any difficulty in finding out that these were healthy books? No, the world does not let anything that makes for its health go unrecommended. The healthy books, the holy books, stand out from all others. Look into any library, and you will see them leaning from the shelves toward uplifted hands — no, not that, either. You will see the empty places where they have stood; for everybody has heard of them and is reading them.

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I will admit that what I have been saying is especially true of stories. But I do not thereby acknowledge that its pertinence and force are in any degree impaired. The age is a story-reading age; that is its genius, or temperament, as regards literature. It simply asks that truth be presented to it in this form — none the less truth, none the less virile message, only that it be woven in with the every-day texture of human life and embellished with dramatic color. I, for one, have no quarrel with this legitimate demand of the age. It has called forth some of the noblest stories ever written, stories packed with truth and feeling, stories that will live to bring perennial health to the world so long as literature endures.

But there is always a generous margin in a story-reading age for other literature as well — just as there is room and a hearing for good fiction in an age given to the drama, or to poetry or philosophy. And so not all the healthful inspiration of today goes into fiction. There is a considerable amount of minor verse produced that is wholesome, stimulating, uplifting, that rings true and promotes the health of the world. There are essays — particularly the work of the nature-school, of which John Burroughs

stands at the head — that are full of beauty and sanity. There is some philosophical and educational writing of a high order. There are volumes of sermons that combine the finest literary flavor with the profoundest and most sacred truth. There is not a little of the most helpful and invigorating biography. Then there is humor — blessed, wholesome, life-rectifying humor! — of such quality as the world has seldom seen surpassed. Truly, there is much healthful and holy literature, even in our day, that gets a hearing without the embellishments of plot or romance.

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The year that has just closed brought us to the end of a century — the most notable century, all in all, in the history of the world's literature. It may not have given us as supreme masterpieces, a few, as certain of the centuries preceding, but it has certainly given us more literary productions of a very high order of excellence than any other century in the world's history. The nineteenth century has been, distinctively, the golden age of letters, the age of most widely diffused intelligence and appreciation and of largest literary production and highest average of quality. To have lived in the closing days of such a century, and even outlived it, and been spared to behold the spreading dawn of — who doubts? — a still grander century, seems to the Brown Chair to be one of the rarest privileges, for which we, who are alive today, should thank the Giver of all good.

BROWN CHAIR.

PERSONALS

— Ira D. Sankey is about to establish a training school for Gospel singers.

— Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Appenzeller and their four children reached New York, last week, on a furlough from Korea.

— We were favored with a call last week from Bennett E. Titus, of the *Northern Christian Advocate*, of Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Titus spent Christmas among friends in Malden.

— The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Smiley will be glad to learn that after six weeks of critical illness with typhoid fever, their son, Edmund, is pronounced convalescent and is slowly regaining his strength, though not yet able to sit up and receive his friends.

— The *Christian Register* says: "William H. Baldwin, Jr., whom all the Unitarians in Boston know as the son of his father, is chairman of the Committee of Fifteen set to do reform work in New York." William H. Baldwin, Sr., has been from time immemorial at the head of the Y. M. C. U. in this city.

— Rev. Manley S. Hard, D. D., having been requested by the Board of Church Extension to take up his residence in Chicago or vicinity, has selected Evanston, Ill. It is an ideal place in which to live. Dr. Hard has been fortunate right early, and has already secured \$4,000 from "a friend in the West."

— Rev. L. E. Rockwell, D. D., presiding elder of Portland District, Oregon Conference, is having a very busy and successful year in dedicating new churches and paying the debts on several old ones. The result shows that Bishop Andrews made a very wise selection in appointing him presiding elder.

— Rev. Matt. S. Hughes, D. D., is meeting with characteristic success at Independence Avenue Church, Kansas City. Since the first of September 120 have been added to the membership of the church, and the future is big with promise. Mrs.

Hughes, who has been critically ill for some weeks, is convalescent.

— Bishop Cranston has appointed Rev. Dillon Bronson to St. Mark's Church, Brookline.

— Bishop Moore and family are quartered in Shanghai with Capt. Rich, a brother-in-law of President B. P. Raymond, of Wesleyan University.

— We regret to learn that Mrs. Bishop Thoburn has been stricken with paralysis and is in a precarious condition. She is at Christ Hospital, Cincinnati.

— Rev. Elihu Grant, who leaves shortly for Palestine, was ordained deacon and elder under the missionary rule, Dec. 31, by Bishop Mallalieu, in Bromfield St. Church.

— Rev. George E. Sanderson, of Worcester, writes: "Mrs. E. P. Rockwood, known for many years in Coral Street Church as 'Auntie Rockwood,' passed to her reward on Saturday, Dec. 26."

— Rev. W. J. Kelly, pastor at Holbrook, has been transferred from the New England Southern to the New England Conference, and stationed at Oakdale. Rev. S. S. Myrick takes Mr. Kelly's place at Holbrook.

— Mrs. Eliza Bruce Hamilton Tiffany, the widow of Rev. Dr. O. H. Tiffany, died, Dec. 28, at her home in New York. She was a sister-in-law of Archdeacon Charles C. Tiffany of the Episcopal diocese of New York.

— The Chicago *Times-Herald* of Dec. 28 presents a sketch and fine portrait of Prof. George Edgar Vincent, son of Bishop J. H. Vincent, and predicts he will be elected president of Northwestern University early in January.

— Owing to the resignation of Pliny Nickerson as treasurer of the Boston Wesleyan Association, the following changes have been made in the officers: C. R. Magee becomes treasurer; Avery L. Rand, secretary; and George E. Atwood, auditor.

— Rev. Frederick C. Baker, of Westerly, R. I., has created a general interest in his church by preaching a series of sermons on Sunday evening, upon "The Decalogue in the Life of Today; or the Ten Commandments with Some Modern Applications."

— Rev. W. A. Wright, Ph. D., of Ontario, Cal., has been exchanged with Dr. Cookman, son of Rev. Alfred Cookman, of Jamestown, N. Y. Dr. Wright was formerly a member of the New England Southern Conference. He was a delegate to the last General Conference.

— In the death of its senior trustee, John Robie, the Dorchester Church has met with a heavy loss. He had been a member for over sixty years. He had been long an officer of our Superior Civil Court, and was prominent in political and fraternal societies. The funeral was held on Sunday, Dec. 9. The great congregation was itself a silent tribute to the influence of the man in our city. Revs. Daniel Steele, T. C. Watkins, John Galbraith and G. A. Phinney assisted the pastor, Rev. C. W. Holden, in the services.

— After months of peculiar suffering Mrs. Donaldson, wife of Rev. S. Donaldson, of St. Johnsbury Centre, has just entered into her rest. Prayers were had at the parsonage home, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29, and the body was taken to Swanton, her family home, where more formal funeral services were conducted on Sunday. For almost forty years this devoted pastor's wife has stood by his side in constant service, and none but those who have known such separation can appreciate its sadness. A multitude of friends and former church associates all over northern and central Vermont will be bowed in tears with the sorrowing family, and will unite in earnest

prayer that the Divine Comforter may be their support.

— During the past year Mrs. C. H. Payne gave to our Board of Education \$5,000 in memory of her husband, who was so long secretary of the Board. The money is on annuity.

— Rev. George A. Phinney will sail on "Kaiserin Maria Theresa," North German Lloyd Line, for a three months' tour in Southern France and Italy, Saturday, Jan. 12, from New York, returning before the adjournment of the New England Conference, when he intends to take an appointment.

— The *Springfield Republican* notes: "It is said that Major Taylor, the colored bicyclist, who is remarkable not only for his speed, but for the firmness of his religious views, has several times refused profitable contracts to race in this country and Europe because they involved riding on Sunday. Not many white professionals have been troubled with such scruples."

— Rev. Charles W. McCaskill, who has served the church at Beverly so far during the Conference year as a supply, has gone to Chicago to become the pastor of a new church just organized in Oak Park, one of the suburbs of that city. He expects to join the Rock River Conference and pursue a course in post-graduate study in the University of Chicago.

— We rejoice with the denomination in Boston in the announcement that Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D., of Brooklyn, has accepted a call to the Ruggles St. Baptist Church. Dr. Dixon has long been known as an able and successful minister of the evangelistic and evangelizing type. He was one of Mr. Moody's most trusted and successful colleagues. He will be a valuable accession to the religious forces of this city.

— The remains of Mrs. Charlotte Kimball, wife of Rev. Dr. H. D. Kimball, were brought from her late home in Sycamore, Ill., and buried from the church of her childhood at Schaghticoke, N. Y., Dec. 1. The services were in charge of Rev. C. W. Holden, of Dorchester, Rev. Dr. Griffin and others of the Troy Conference assisting. Friends were present from Fall River, New Bedford, Albany and Troy. Her body rests in the beautiful cemetery of the village.

— Rev. Dr. Jay Benson Hamilton, who recently tendered his resignation as pastor of the DeKalb Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, has been nominated for the presidency of Walden University at Nashville, Tenn., as the successor of the late Rev. Dr. John W. Braden. Dr. Hamilton is reported to have said in an interview that he had been notified of his nomination, but that he would not decide on its acceptance until he has visited Nashville and looked over the field.

— The Methodist Church at Warren, R. I., is greatly afflicted in the death of Ezra M. Martin, which occurred Dec. 28. For sixty-two years he has been an active and very useful member of the Methodist Church, and was, at the time of his death, president of the board of trustees. He was president of the National Hope Bank and trustee of the Warren Institution for savings, president of the Philanthropic Society, a member of the Martha's Vineyard Camp-meeting Association, and one of the corporation of East Greenwich Academy. He was 82 years of age, and a wife, one son, Joseph W. Martin, and a daughter, Mrs. Emma W. McKensie, survive him.

— A great sorrow has come to the church at Franklin Falls, N. H., as well as to Rev. C. E. Eaton and family of North Haverhill, by the death of J. Ray Sargeant, who only

a few weeks ago became the husband of Miss Edith Eaton. He died as the result of an operation for appendicitis. Words cannot express the loss to the family and church. He was looked upon as one of the coming Christian business men of the State. May grace sustain all the bereaved!

BRIEFLETS

It is hoped that the canvass for new subscribers to the *HERALD* will be pushed during the entire month of January, as has been the case heretofore.

Public Opinion is responsible for the statement that Prince Edward Island leads the world, the New World, at least, in exemption from divorce, there not having been a divorce in the island in thirty years.

Although so many columns in this issue are devoted to Church News yet we have not yet "caught up" with the unusual amount of it on hand, and are compelled to hold over a number of districts until next week. We beg the indulgence of our correspondents and readers in this matter for two or three weeks until the paper resumes normal conditions. It is impossible to do differently.

Most men need all the obstacles with which they contend; some would be better men if they had more. In general, it may be safely affirmed that God does not put any more obstacles in any one's path than are necessary to prevent his merely strolling through life.

C. R. Magee has just received two year-books for 1901 which should have a place in all our Methodist homes—the Methodist Year-book and the Epworth League Year-book. Every Methodist and every Epworth Leaguer should possess both of these pamphlets. They can be secured for 10 cents each.

Live up to your light; attain your due stature. That is the most natural and reasonable ambition. It is the same sort of ambition that makes a flower perfect in its kind.

We are gratified to note that Archbishop Keane, since his appointment to the see of Dubuque, has taken strong grounds against the use of intoxicants. On several occasions he has preached temperance sermons that, it is said, would have delighted John B. Gough, if he were alive, and liquor-dealers are considerably worked up over his strong opposition to their traffic. The Archbishop says no property belonging to the church can be used for saloon purposes.

The *Independent* notes the fact that the Protestant denominations in Germany are to establish an archaeological institute in Jerusalem. The institute is to be modeled after the classical schools in Athens and elsewhere, and is to conduct archaeological investigations in Palestine whenever opportunity is offered.

The trouble with too many of our ideals is, that we keep them folded up in napkins. We hold them too choice for soiling; and so they lie aside from the dust and grime of life, and never get any currency, or do humanity any good.

The following letter, just received, shows the tender and heartfelt gratitude of one person who has been generously provided with a year's subscription to *ZION'S HERALD*: "I see that my subscription has been paid a whole year, and I thank you so

much for such kindness. A dependent invalid can fully appreciate such Christlike deeds. Whoever paid has my heartfelt thanks and gratitude. God bless and reward you, and prosper the dear old HERALD!" Generous friends each year have provided a small sum which is critically used to continue the paper to a number of old subscribers who through misfortune or advancing years are no longer able to pay for it. But we could use a much larger amount for the same purpose. Piteous indeed are some of the letters written to the publisher by lifelong readers of the HERALD, who are compelled, by necessity, to stop the paper.

The great redemptive passion of life is that unquenchable longing of the individual to do some large and recognized good for his fellows.

The visit of Alfred C. Harmsworth, editor of the *Daily Mail*, London, Eng., who, although a young man, has reached a phenomenal success in journalism, is creating no little discussion in newspaper circles. Mr. Harmsworth has an important contribution in the *North American Review* on the newspaper, and he has allowed himself to be interviewed. He believes that the journalism of the future is to be an immense combine -- to use his own term, the "simultaneous newspaper." He predicts that "given the man," certain great and comprehensive movements are to take place in editing newspapers. There does not seem to be anything novel in the suggestion, for "given the man" it is possible to do almost anything.

No man ever does anything he ought not to do, without knowing that he ought not. That constitutes sin; and it is foolish for any one to plead that he did not know, for if he did not know, he did not sin.

The divorcement of ethics and righteousness from religion by so many people claiming to be Christians, has done and is doing unspeakable harm. Mr. Gladstone, in characterizing this tendency, once told a story of Lord Melbourne, in which he represented that gentleman as coming out of a country church one day in a great fume. Finding a friend, he said: "It is too bad! I have always been a supporter of the church, and have always upheld the clergy. But it is really too bad to have to listen to a sermon like that we have had this morning. Why, the preacher actually insisted upon applying religion to a man's private life." Men may not be as bluntly frank about it as was Lord Melbourne, but we are sure that the failure "to apply religion to private life" is what leads more people to doubt the reality of Christianity than anything else.

The Lord Jesus Christ wants you to lean hard upon Him, but He wants your leaning to be in the right direction -- not the leaning of nerveless incapacity, nor of hampering faithlessness, but of perfect trust.

On Dec. 31 Bishop Andrews and many Methodist ministers sent a message to Senator Frye, president of the United States Senate, as follows: "Undersigned petition Senate to make ratification of African treaty, with Lodge resolution, keynote of new century." The treaty in question, designed to protect African savages from the liquor and arms of the white men, has already been ratified by fifteen nations. An effort is now being made to have its ratification the first act of the Senate in the twentieth century. The Senate will reconvene on Jan. 3.

A Characteristic Victory

THAT Bishop J. W. Hamilton is doing a colossal work for the Methodism of the Pacific Coast appears from the following telegram received from him on Monday morning:

"In citizens' union meeting, San Jose, friends swept \$60,000 debt from University of the Pacific. Raised \$5,000 more endowment. San Francisco Chinese merchants gave \$1,000."

Bishop Hamilton evidently believes, with us, that we have already talked too much about doing something, and that the time has fully come to do the things so long contemplated. We hope this aggressive and successful Bishop's example will be taken as an indication by universal Methodism that the hour has come to "go forward."

"Saw Jesus Only"

THE New York *Sun* is responsible for the announcement that Prof. George D. Herron, D. D., has formed an "Apostolic League," to be governed solely by the teachings of Jesus Christ. The ministers of this new organization are to be known as apostles, and they are to be itinerants, ever on the move and seeking only to apply the principles of Jesus Christ to all problems, social, industrial and political. The dispatch from Chicago states: "In addition to himself the members are Rev. J. Stitt Wilson, who resigned from the Erie St. Methodist Church to take up the new work; Rev. William H. Wise, who left the College Avenue Methodist Church of Greencastle, Ind.; Rev. Benjamin F. Wilson, who left the Crete (Ill.) Methodist Church; Franklin H. Wentworth, of Chicago, who was secretary of the recent Anti-Trust Conference. Dr. Herron and the three other ministers will travel; Mr. Wentworth will act as business manager and editor of a monthly paper to be known as the *Social Crusader*, which will be the official organ. An office has been opened in this city.

It is very easy to toss aside Prof. Herron and his associates by calling them cranks and sensationalists; but after all has been said and done, the Christian and general public will have to reckon with these wholly sincere and consecrated men. The Christian ministry is a long way from Jesus Christ, and needs to be called out from its professionalism and pharisaism to learn anew that to be a Christian means only and simply to live out the mind that was in Christ. We welcome any man, or group of men, who will help to present the real Christ more fully to this generation.

A Prophet's Message to the Rich

LAST week Abram S. Hewitt, of New York, former mayor of that city, a man of unimpeachable character, a philanthropist and reformer, receiving the confidence and affection of all good people who know him, addressed a meeting at which Bishop Potter presided. A rich man himself, as his subject was the obligation resting upon men of wealth, his address was of special and striking significance. He said, in part: --

"Since 1840 our national wealth has increased five times as fast as our population. Who shall say that with that wonderful increase in wealth there is not means in abundance to remove all the misery and all the evil conditions among the humble classes which at present are stains and sores on our body politic?"

"The advance of industry, which has brought us this wealth beyond the wildest

dreams of avarice, has also brought on conditions which make it an absolute impossibility for some people to live decent, respectable lives.

"The rich have not even begun to do what they ought to do. Men that I almost worship for their generosity and solicitude for those that have less, are not giving in proportion to their wealth the half that was given by their families a generation ago.

"Have we the right to take all this wealth and do nothing to correct the evils created in its production? Can you accept these millions and shut your eyes to the evils which weave themselves about the producers?"

"Can any one be content with such conditions? Good God! Can this be the end to which we have been working all these centuries? For heaven's sake, is this the result of our industrial development, and must our prosperity as a nation be purchased at such a staggering price? If these terrible tenements, these overcrowded districts, these dark and foul dwelling places, and all the attending miseries, must go with industry, then I would to God that every industrial centre could be destroyed as was Sodom and Gomorrah of old and men be driven back to the land where they can at least have the breezes and the green grass and the sunshine and the blue of heaven to look up to."

We have neither the disposition nor the purpose to share in any unreasoning tirade against wealth. Nor do we believe that the prophet from whom we have quoted meant so to do. Mr. Hewitt knows that this is the day of great fortunes, and that the possession of wealth carries with it peculiar temptations to selfishness, extravagance, luxury and waste. It was against this tendency that he utters his strong words, and it is clearly evident that they are needed.

The sanest chapter that we have read of late on this subject appears in Prof. Peabody's notable book, fresh from the press, on "Jesus Christ and the Social Question." He has one chapter on "The Teaching of Jesus Concerning the Rich." We advise any person troubled on this subject to read it. He closes this chapter with these reasonable and well-balanced conclusions:

"Who, then, is the Christian rich man? It is he who recognizes that in the management of his wealth he is in the presence of a constant and subtle temptation; that, as Jesus said, there is in the nature of increasing wealth a peculiar quality of 'deceitfulness,' so that the money which is at first one's servant is at any moment likely to become one's master. The Christian rich man knows well that it is hard for him to enter the kingdom of God. He observes the character of many men shrivel in the flame of prosperity. He sees that conditions of luxury, ease, and lack of the friction of life contribute to a slackening of moral fibre. He holds before himself, therefore, the solemn alternatives of Jesus -- the mastery of wealth or the abandonment of it. Thus the wealth of the Christian rich man becomes to him a trust, for the use of which he is to be scrupulously judged. He administers his affairs with watchfulness over himself and with hands clean of malice, oppression, or deceit. He does not hope to atone for evil ways of making money by ostentatious benevolence in spending it. He is to be judged according to his ways of accumulating wealth as rigidly as for his ways of distributing it. He is not hard in business and soft in charity, but of one fibre throughout. His business is a part of his religion, and his philanthropy is a part of his business."

THE NEW YEAR SONG

EDWARD AUGUSTUS RAND.

I heard such strife on New Year's Eve!
It dared assail the azure skies,
When lo! the gates of heaven swung back,
Fair angels sang—oh, sweet surprise!
The clash of strife, the New Year song,
Were mingled in confusion strange,
But as the angel-song went on,
I caught a great, a wondrous change.

The din of selfish, angry strife,
The notes of greed, of war, of hate,
Did lower sink, then died away;
In silence all the earth did wait,
When from the burning angel-lips
The New Year song did flame again,
And lo! up through the stillness rose
Earth's one sweet cry to heaven's
"Amen!"

O Father of the souls of men,
'Mid noise of earth's unhallowed will,
Help faith turn heavenward to hear
The angel-song that echoes still,
And learn that strife and sin shall die,
That man to God shall glory bring,
And all His universe so vast
With hymns of praise and peace shall ring.

Watertown, Mass.

STORY OF WANG CHING PEI

BISHOP D. A. GOODSSELL.

IN May, 1891, when in Peking, I made the following entry for the General Minutes: "Quest. 3.—What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders? Wang Ching Pei, Wang Ching Yun." Their portraits, taken by meat the time of their ordination, appear herewith, Wang Ching Pei on the left. A nobler man physically it would be hard to find. Fully six feet in height, weighing about two hundred pounds, only his shaven head and queue gave him the look of a Chinaman. The North Chinaman is a tall, strong man, wholly different in appearance from the Cantonese who constitute almost our entire Chinese population in this country.

Wang Ching Pei was the man, well-known to the church, who wheeled his mother on a wheelbarrow to Peking in order to learn the "Jesus" doctrine. This is the name given in Peking to the Protestant faith; the Roman Catholic being known as the "Heavenly Lord" doctrine.

At the time I met him he had been eight years a student, part of that time a deacon. I had official knowledge that the Ohio Conference had elected him to elder's orders. There was no Conference organization in North China at that time. His cousin, Wang Ching Yun, was a member of Detroit Conference, and the certificate of his election to elder's orders had not reached me. I had, therefore, authority to ordain Wang Ching Pei as an elder, but not his cousin. I never saw a man's face sadden more completely than Wang Ching Pei's when I told him that I could not ordain his cousin, but could ordain him. He went out from my presence "exceeding sorrowful." In an hour he returned with Dr. Lowry as interpreter, and this was what he said: "I cannot possibly be ordained unless my cousin is. We became Christians about the same time, we have studied together,

passed our examinations together, have been deacons for the same length of time, and much as I would like to be ordained after eight years of study, I cannot [here tears came into his eyes], I cannot." He then took sycee or silver bullion from his pocket to the amount of thirty dollars—very nearly his salary for one year—and asked me to take it and telegraph at his expense to America to learn if his cousin had not been elected also.

I felt, heavy as the expense was, that the great church in which I am serving the Lord Jesus Christ would rather her



WANG CHING PEI WANG CHING YUN

money be spent than that this man should pay that bill. Twice over, had it been necessary, would I have paid it personally. So I told him: "The church you serve will pay for the telegram. I will send it today." Few messages have given me such joy as that which came next day: "Wang Ching Yun elected. Missions, New York."

Wang Ching Pei's face was transfigured when I handed him the telegram. He became almost hysterical in his smiles and tears. He went out, found his cousin, brought him back, embraced him, and both tried to "koto" (prostrate themselves) to me. I would not permit it.

So on Sunday the two were ordained and I appointed Wang Ching Pei to Ning Yang and his cousin to Yu-tien and Feng-Jen, on the Shantung District. My wife and I traveled from Peking to Tung Chow, about fourteen miles, in a mule litter. On starting for Tien-Tsin in a houseboat we found Wang's boat close behind us. Where we stopped for the night he stopped also, and came nightly to inquire after our health and offer his services. We invited him to dine with us, and for the first time, as he said, he sat down to a foreign table and ate foreign food. Knives and forks were new to hands accustomed to chopsticks. But watching us closely he succeeded admirably and said that foreign food was very good. Not daring to drink from the tainted wells and river, we had provided some plain soda-water. For this he showed great liking, and repeatedly passed his glass for some more of the "gun" water, as he called it from the noise of the popping cork.

At Tien-Tsin, where we took the steamer for Chefoo, we parted. My heart ached to say good-bye to as noble a man as I ever met—an instinctive gentleman and a faithful Christian.

I have heard of his good life and work from that day, as our missionaries have returned, and have again and again opened my album to recall his face. He was in Peking when the siege began, and went with our missionaries to the British Embassy where all the foreigners and many native Christians were besieged. When the heroic Gamewell and his equally heroic wife came to the Missionary Committee in New York, and I honored myself in taking their hands, I asked, "How is Wang Ching Pei?" "He is in heaven. He was shot through the abdomen during the siege, lived two hours in agony of body, and died saying, 'It is all right. I find Jesus precious.'"

Chattanooga, Tenn.

SIDE GLANCES AT THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

"ARGUS."

"Of all sad words
Of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these:
'It might have been.'"

AMONG the varied and intensely interesting phases of life in the far Northwest is the "man with a history." His next of kin in the matter of interest is "the man with distinguished ancestors." Persons belonging in these classifications are numerous. They hail from all parts of the world. They intensify the already very pronounced cosmopolitan flavor of both social and business life, and create a feeling of interest in all strangers—no matter how commonplace their appearance—because of the ever-present probability of discovering a prince or princess in disguise. Some are well known, but like some of the good people who live in the neighborhood of Shakespeare's birthplace, their most intimate associates do not seem to appreciate the peculiar "honor" which they enjoy. A literary artist could find material for numerous romances and narratives in these same characters. They are found in the most unexpected places, often carefully concealing their identity, yet unable to hide the unconscious tokens of better days and careful training. Misfortune, vice and drink have made many of them what they are. Others have come to this country to better their fortunes—a few have succeeded while the many have failed. To hide their failure they have drawn off into seclusion, possibly under assumed names, to live, labor, and possibly die, with an air of mystery about them as tantalizing as it is intangible.

A young man was reclaimed from the slums, and then the discovery was made that he had been educated for the Presbyterian ministry, but had become the victim of drink. He is now managing a lodging-house fostered by a Seattle church.

A prominent politician, an eloquent speaker, and a successful organizer, once said to "Argus":

"Never leave the ministry. It's the grandest calling in life."

"Why?" He appeared to be far from being a man who would thus express himself.

"Why, you ask? If you knew my life, you would not be so much surprised. I was once a regularly ordained Methodist minister engaged in missionary work in India under Bishop Thoburn. I was accused of something that affected my character, but the circumstances were such that I could not defend myself, although I was innocent. I just quit, and here I am."

A look of inexpressible sadness swept

over the speaker's face as he evidently thought of what "might have been."

Another case of an ex-missionary is fresh in the minds of the people. He left the work in India and returned to this country in violation of convictions that he should have remained there. He was known as a deeply spiritual but melancholy man. The gnawing secret of his life was that he had missed his opportunity. Gradually his health gave way under the strain, until at length the word went out that he was suffering from nervous exhaustion. The next news was that he was insane and had been sent to the asylum. A few days thereafter the papers announced his sudden death. Back of that literally true statement was the ugly fact that he had hanged himself with bed sheets.

One of the boss gamblers of Seattle was educated for the ministry, but turned aside, and is now leading the life of a social outcast. A commission merchant, the son of a Scotch minister of fame, was also trained for the sacred calling, but at last refused to enter it. He can transact business in Hebrew and Latin if required to do so, and is at home in the classics. A brilliant fellow with a well-trained mind, he is adrift so far as religion is concerned. Furthermore, he is very unhappy because he is constantly resisting clear-cut convictions of duty.

A stranger made his appearance in a farming community in the southwestern part of the Evergreen State. He stayed with one of the farmers, but seemed to be utterly unused to manual labor. He dressed in a common cheap blue suit, and carried his extra clothing in a bundle. At intervals he would vanish and then come back again. Without money or explanation he would come and go, until the people began to question his sanity. At intervals large bundles of letters with foreign postmarks would reach him. Finally he vanished and failed to return. Little by little the story of his life was traced in outline. He was a young man of means, a resident of Dublin. When Mr. Moody held meetings in that city he was converted, and with the conversion came a conviction that he could not be a Christian and retain his wealth. He placed it beyond his reach for a time, and started out to literally follow in the footsteps of Jesus, "poor, despised, forsaken," and to teach people the secret of complete self-abandonment. As far as could be ascertained afterward, he had learned his lesson and had returned to Ireland to resume his former station, but with a corrected understanding. Letters of inquiry and information from other sources confirm this conclusion.

An evangelist met a woman from the Northwest while he was holding meetings in Colorado. They met again in New Orleans. She returned to her home in Washington State, and he came out to hold meetings. They got married. Before their wedding they seemed to have a most perfect understanding of each other. Both were of middle age. He was a very eloquent and deeply experienced preacher and successful evangelist. She had property. He held rigid views about the husband being the head of the house. Almost from the first they differed in household and other matters. Their differences became more intense. Each was determined to rule. Little by little they lost their religious experience until the husband reached a point where he was ready to curse the woman. He got so far down that he could not pray. They separated. He is a disappointed and embittered man, an extinct spiritual volcano, and has utterly lost his usefulness as an evangelist. More than once he meditated suicide, and was only saved from such rashness by the presence and counsel of friends who understood the case. "The

woman is also saddened and embittered, but there seems to be no hope.

There was a strange character who used to haunt the streets of Seattle at night, and sleep by day, who always told his questioners that he was trying to unravel a plot of the Roman Catholics to kill him, and that the police force was in league with the priests. He had been educated in a Jesuit college in France, and was an expert French cook. Of English parentage, he was familiar alike with English and Continental ways. He always had money, and sometimes amused himself buying trinkets and giving them away to the children of the neighborhood in which he lived. The secret of his life was that his relatives in England were only too glad to send him money if he would only keep out of England. They had control of some of his property, but in some unexplained way he was a disgrace to them, and he became a sort of "ticket-of-leave-man." Old Man Long was a strange and mysterious character. Although perfectly harmless, he always reminded one of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

One evening "Argus" met a queer religious teacher who claimed to be possessed with the departed spirit of Phillips Brooks. He gave a seance in a little village where the writer had gone to preach, and, to say the least, it was interesting. The sermon the man gave while under the control of the "Spirit" was strictly orthodox, but consisted mostly of generalities. The absence of specific points was quite marked. A harmless crank, quite likely, but a type of a certain strange class of minds that can be easily found in the Northwest.

Notes and Observations

—There is a decided Forward Movement all over the Northwest.

—Superintendent Walter of the Alaska Mission is very enthusiastic about the openings in that country.

—A City Union and Evangelization Society has been formed by the Seattle churches. The first work of the Union will be the payment of the debts on all of the churches of the city, aggregating \$12,000. Eleven churches are in the Union, several of the number being entirely out of debt.

—The *Pacific Christian Advocate* has come out in a new jacket. It is a most desirable improvement in every way.

—Dr. Filben, of San Francisco, is expected to visit the Northwest cities soon in the interest of the Epworth League Convention.

—Dr. Whitfield, of the Seattle District, is making up a party of tourists to attend the Ecumenical Conference in London in September and incidentally to visit points of special interest in England and on the Continent.

—A Congregational council composed of ministers from Western Washington recently refused to ordain a candidate for the ministry because he was not sound on the question of the "final permanency of human character." The brother in question was of the sort that encourage men in outbreking sin by talking about "a larger hope"—probation after death, etc.

—A three days' Y. M. C. A. convention in Seattle resulted in the conversion of nearly one hundred young men.

—On Monday, Nov. 26, Rev. D. E. Blaine, the pioneer pastor and organizer of Methodism in Seattle, died at his home in that city. Death was attributed to old age. Mr. Blaine was the first pastor of any denomination to minister in spiritual things in Seattle. He built the original "First Methodist" church, which many years ago ceased to be used as a house of worship. The old building was used for a restaurant and variety theatre, and about three years ago was torn down to make way for a new theatre building. When Mr. Blaine began his work in 1853 Seattle was a little trading post surrounded by Indians. The present business district and the site of the First Methodist church was stained with blood during the Indian war. Mr. Blaine acquired some property and has spent his declining years in Seattle in ease and comfort. He lived to see Seattle

Methodism expand to a membership of nearly 2,000, with ten church buildings and a fine new brick Deaconess Hospital. He is survived by Mrs. Blaine and one son. The son, E. L. Blaine, is a leading Methodist and is prominent in the affairs of the city. Mr. Blaine was buried on the day before Thanksgiving. A simple service was held at the residence. The Methodist preachers and many of the pioneers attended in a body.

—The new Methodist Hospital erected by Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lippy at an expense of over \$40,000 for the use of the Seattle Deaconess Association, has been opened and will soon be ready for patients. The institution is up to date in every respect, being fitted with the very latest conveniences and appliances for the care of the sick. The Deaconess Home will be in a building adjoining the hospital. The management of this enterprise is such that it will be well nigh impossible to repeat any of the financial blunders of the past in carrying on the hospital work. It is the only Protestant hospital with a full equipment in the Northwest, and possibly it is not claiming too much to say that it is superior to the Catholic hospitals.

—Spokane Methodism celebrated its silver jubilee in First Church, Nov. 11-14 inclusive, with appropriate exercises. Pastor P. A. Cool and Dr. Henry Brown, the presiding elder, were in charge. Spokane is almost "owned by the Methodists," as the denomination there is very strong.

—Rev. M. A. Covington, once a student in Boston University School of Theology, but for the past nine years pastor of churches in Washington, has been appointed pastor of the church at Skagway. He will have \$5,000 in hand with which to build a new house of worship. It is a fine field for work, and Covington is the man for the place.

—Prof. Dobbins, wife and daughter, of Boston, are touring the Northwest with a fine series of stereopticon lectures.

—Dr. G. W. Gue, of Portland, has completed a full term as presiding elder of Portland District, and has been appointed pastor of Centenary Church in that city. His successor as elder is Dr. L. E. Rockwell, a brother-in-law of Bishop Thoburn, who came to the Northwest to take the pastorate of Centenary Church after the sudden death of young Crawford R. Thoburn.

—Rev. I. R. Lovejoy, another Boston man, is pastor at Everett and president of the New Whatcom District League.

—Rev. C. E. Todd, "still another" Boston theologian, is pastor of the church at Vancouver, Wash., where Louis Albert Banks made a part of his record in this country.

—Miss Winifred Booth, second daughter of Rev. G. M. Booth, pastor at Moscow, Idaho, has entered the Lucy Rider Meyer Training School in Chicago.

—Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop, D. D., has been transferred to the Oregon Conference and appointed pastor of Grace Church in that city. Dr. Lathrop was recently pastor of a church in Indianapolis.

—Rev. H. D. Brown, of 300 Battery Street, Seattle, has published, by request of the Seattle District Conference, a paper he read before that body on "Our Theological Schools." The school at Boston is given particular attention.

—Rev. A. J. Joslyn, presiding elder of Tacoma District, is pushing the circulation of the *Pacific Advocate*. He has one charge, Bucoda, Ebenezer Hopkins pastor, where the membership is 45 and number of papers taken is 61!

Little Faults

YOU need not break the glasses of a telescope or coat them over with paint, in order to prevent you from seeing through them. Just breathe upon them, and the dew of your breath will shut out all the stars. So it does not require great crimes to hide the light of God's countenance. Little faults can do it just as well. Take a shield and cast a spear upon it, and it will leave in it one great dent. Prick it all over with a million little needle shafts, and they will take the polish from it far more than the piercing of the spear. So it is not so much the great sins which take the freshness from our conscience, as the numberless petty faults which we are all the while committing. — Henry Ward Beecher.

THE FAMILY

AT THE NEW YEAR'S DAWNING

MRS. M. A. HOLT.

Tread softly on the verge
Of the New Year, and at its dawning fair
Bow low thy head in reverential prayer,
Unheeding the sad dirge
Of the beclouded past, so full of sin,
From which there only comes a requiem.

Look thou away, where gleams
A bright new space of time, unswept by
wrong,
From which ascends faith's clear, trium-
phant song
That truest victory means
If thy expectant soul casts all its love
At the one shrine which doubt cannot re-
move.

Keep near the altar's fires
Where all the year its sweetest incense
burns;
For love's pure gift the Father never
spurns,
Or mocks the soul's desires;
But every deed performed for His dear
sake,
A heritage of precious good He'll make.

O keep the new-born year
As pure as when the midnight's ringing
bells
Declare that it is thine, and sweet peace
tells
Of a loved Presence near
To lead thy straying feet in ways of right,
And keep thy life love-filled, each day and
night.

Then hasten, happy time,
When the dim past shall all forgotten be,
And an unclouded future faith shall see
One life day, fair, sublime,
That will begin while New Year's starlit
air
Is glorified by consecrating prayer.

New Berlin, N. Y.

Thoughts for the Thoughtful

The New Year

This year a wondrous year shall surely be
To such as have the gift to hear, to see!
Never a stranger twelvemonth has rolled round
Than this whose birth the steeple chimes re-
sound.

— Edith M. Thomas.

All beginnings are important and signif-
icant; but the true eras are not in the cal-
endar, but in the heart. The new year's be-
ginning is the hour of inward choice. — *Se-
lected.*

Through the whole new year before us we
are going to be under the eye of God. The
eyes of the Lord thy God are upon thee
from the beginning of the year even unto
the end of the year. Such a thought is a
warning from sin, a power in labor, and a
comfort in sorrow. The presence of an
earthly friend will put out of our mind a
temptation, or give us strength to overcome
it; and, more than that, in the presence of
that friend, there is the joy of compani-
onship, and the confidences and the whole at-
mosphere of love. So is the presence of
God: it is both a glory and a covering. —
S. S. Times.

Your past life has been a spiritual failure
— a dead loss — simply because you have
wickedly postponed and lingered and
quenched the Spirit instead of taking a
single decided courageous step. "Follow
Me!" Are you ready for that? Don't wait
for a "revival," or an inquiry-meeting, or
anything else. The meeting you need is a
meeting with your long-neglected Saviour
on your knees and a surrender of your
heart to Him. What He bids you do, do it.

A decisive honest start with Jesus Christ
will give you such a "Happy New Year"
as you have never known before. Try it. —
Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

Is this our last year on earth? This is
not suggested to sadden any heart, but in
the secret records that are not open to our
eyes, it may be written, "This year thou
shalt die." The possibility is enough to
stir our zeal and increase all our activities.
"The night cometh, when no man can
work." How well it will be, if there has
been no loitering nor neglect of anything,
while the day lasts. If there is work in the
church or community that rests on us, let
it not be neglected or cast on others. It
will soon enough fall on other shoulders.
When Wesley was asked how he would
spend the next day, if it were his last on
earth, he gave the outline of a busy day,
from early morning till late in the evening,
and said then he would commit himself to
God and fall asleep and awake in glory.
So let this year be spent as if it were our
last, filled up with labor and prayer and
self-sacrificing devotion to Christ. Whether
this shall be our last year or not, it is pos-
sible to make it the best we ever spent.
Everything is propitious; the promises
brighter than ever, grace in fuller measure,
our hearts more sanctified, and heaven
nearer than ever before. — *Presbyterian.*

We make an unfortunate mistake if we
let the failures and disappointments of the
past cloud our horizon. Many lives are
like century plants: they burst into bloom
only after a long and tedious interval. The
hard work, the patient endurance, the
courage in bearing losses and trials, at
length on some favored day bring forth
their result, and the man is suddenly over-
whelmed at the transformation of his life in
the fruition of long-cherished hopes. No
one of us can tell when we are standing on
the verge of such a crisis. Many a man,
like Saul at Gilgal, has become discouraged
just too soon, and, lo! a little after he has
committed himself to a false and weak pol-
icy the prophet has come, and he finds that
he has missed the prize that was almost
within his grasp. No matter how dark and
discouraging the outlook may be, have
faith in yourselves and in the good provi-
dence of God, and may this year bring you
the fruition of your hopes, the transforma-
tion of life, which is as wonderful and yet
as possible as the change which comes to
the earth in May, when the warm rains and
the mounting sun suddenly work the mira-
cle of the springtime, when the cold and
barren earth, as in response to the touch of
an invisible wand, blooms with verdure.
— *Watchman.*

The gift of another year, dear Lord,
From Thy loving hands we take;
O grant that we use it gratefully,
For Thy tender mercy's sake.

Lift up our hearts till they sing for joy,
And grant us the gift of "peace,
Good-will toward men," that the Christmas
cheer
May not with the new year cease.

— Mary D. Brine.

Christ was not of A. D. 30; no more should
you, Christ's follower, be of A. D. 1901.
Christ's foundations have stood because
they were pushed upward and not sunk
downward. He refused at any point to
anchor Himself to the world. He had made.
While helping it most He was most divorced
from it. While looking with most loving
practical sympathy upon the sore bodies
and sorer hearts of mortal men, there shone
clearest in His eyes the far-away look, the

look John followed when he saw that there
is to be no more pain, no more tears.

For though a kingdom on the earth, it is
to be a new earth and a new heaven, and
we are to bring it in by living for it, and
not for the old earth where the Klondikes
are, and the stock exchanges, and the latest
fashions from Paris. If you wish to see
plainly in the present, look beyond the
present. If you wish to win the world, win
the next world. If you wish to help men
here, help them toward the hereafter. In
shooting, men do not look at the musket,
but at the mark; in living, the wise man
will look less at the earth than at heaven. —
AMOS R. WELLS, in *Christian Endeavor
World.*

What wilt thou bring to me, O coming year?
Will it be failure, will it be success?
Wilt thou my mornings light with happiness?
Or will new sorrows fill my nights with fear?
Shall I to my ideals draw more near,
And dreams fulfilled my flowery pathway bless?
Or, shall I lie in bondage of distress,
And on my disappointments drop the tear?
Thou dost not answer. Why should I inquire?
Why should I wish to know the onward way?
If it be joy, the height of my desire,
A sweet surprise new gladness can convey.
If it be sorrow's crucible of fire,
I am so glad I do not know today.

— JULIA H. MAY, in *Congregationalist.*

NEW THINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

J. L. HARBOUR.

"New mercies, new blessings, new light on
the way,
New courage, new hope, and new strength
for each day,
New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of
delight,
New songs in the morning, new songs in
the night."

THESE are some of the beautiful new
things that all of us want, and that
we may all have in the New Year if we
will but strive to attain them. We want
to be happy, but happiness will not come
to us if we seek it for ourselves alone.
God did not put any of us into the world
for the purpose of attaining our own
happiness. He has hedged all human
happiness about with service, so that no
one can be truly happy without rendering
service to others. It was Hawthorne who
said: "Happiness in this world, when it
comes, comes incidentally. Make it the
object of pursuit, and it leads us a wild-
goose chase, and is never attained. Fol-
low some other object, and very possibly
we may find that we have caught happi-
ness without dreaming of it."

The man or the woman, the boy or the
girl, who begins this new year by saying,
"Now I am going to be happy," will be
sure to be disappointed if no thought is
taken for the happiness of others. If you
want

"New mercies, new blessings, new light on
the way,"

you can attain them in no way so speedily
and so surely as by making your life a
blessing to others. No one in the world
knows in his own experience the meaning
of the term, "delight in life," as he knows
it who is living for the happiness of
others.

Some people never get good photographs
of themselves, for the simple reason that
they make too great an effort to look par-
ticularly handsome when they have their
pictures taken. The result is that they
have a forced and unnatural look. If they

did not think about themselves at all, the result would be better. I know a lady who was averse to having her photograph taken for the reason that her pictures never looked like her. One day she went to a photographer with her daughter and grandchild to have the child's picture taken. The little one had been photographed, when the child's mother said, — "O mother, supposing you and the baby have your pictures taken together while we are here?"

"Oh, I couldn't," replied the grandmother. "I'm not dressed to have my picture taken. I wouldn't want to sit for my photograph without any preparation. I get a poor enough photograph even when I do my best to get a good one."

"I don't care anything about your dress, mother; and you never looked so much like your own dear self as you do at this minute. Please sit right down with the baby in your lap and have your picture taken."

The daughter had her way, and the mother sat down with the baby in her arms. She was devotedly attached to her pretty little grandson, and she forgot all about herself in her eagerness to secure a good photograph of the baby. The result was that her own photograph was the best that she had ever had taken, and she said:

"It's strange that I got such a good photograph when I wasn't expecting to have my picture taken. In fact, I didn't think of myself at all. I thought only of the baby."

It is when we are not thinking of ourselves that we know the happiness that brings smiles to our faces and joy to our hearts. No year of your life will have brought the happiness you may know this year if you think nothing about your happiness because you are so absorbed in the happiness of others. Do this, and your heart will be full of

"New songs in the morning, new songs in the night."

Dorchester, Mass.

Happiness in Work

Some people dream of happiness as something they will come to by and by, at the end of a course of toil and struggle. But the true way to find happiness is as we go on in our work. Every day has its own cup of sweetness. In every duty is a pot of hidden manna. In every sorrow is a blessing of comfort. In every burden is rolled up a gift of God. In all life Christ is with us if we are true to Him.

"The work which we count so hard to do,
He makes it easy, for He works too;
The days that are long to live are His,
A bit of His bright eternities,
And close to our need His helping is."

If we have learned this secret, even the things that seem unpleasant and disagreeable yield joy in the doing. A traveler in South Africa saw some boys playing marbles, using pebbles. One of these rolled to the traveler's feet, and, picking it up, it seemed to him only a rough stone, without beauty or worth. But as he turned it over a gleam of light flashed from one spot of it. It was a diamond. Duties seem dull and dreary to us, unattractive, hard, but they enfold secrets of happiness which we find when we accept them with love and do them cheerfully. Each day should show its new line in every life and character. We should be better men and women at the end of the year than we were at the beginning.

Yet we must remember that mere largeness is not always growth. One may be richer in estate and yet be poorer in mind and heart. Ruskin says: "He only is advancing in life whose heart is growing softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace."

"The glory of our life
Comes not from what we do or what we know,
But dwells forevermore in what we are."

— J. R. Miller, D. D.

HOW CORA BEGAN THE NEW YEAR

MRS. HARRIET A. CHEEVER.

POOOR Cora had such a hasty temper! It stood in the way of her happiness just as quick words, sharp retorts, and little vengeful deeds stand in the way of happiness for any one. It had kept her from joining the church when Jennie West and Myra Jones, her two intimate friends, had entered without reluctance that safest of folds.

Cora was eighteen, was in the first class of the high school, and was hoping to be employed as a type-writer as soon as school days were over. But to her mother she said in discouragement:

"I shall never expect to stay long in any one place. Something will be sure to occur that will provoke me, and then it will be that affair of the grammar school, and my experience with Tom Pollard, and the various spats with Jennie and Myra, all over again."

And yet there never was a kinder little heart or much more generous hands and impulses than those which, despite her quick temper, made Cora Nevins beloved of some of her friends. They deplored the hot temper, for it was impossible not to feel the stinging things that Cora would give utterance to under the influence of sudden anger.

There had been a sad, unfortunate day, while Cora was in the grammar school, when, having been accused by a seat-mate of peeping at an answer—a thing of which she was entirely innocent—the girl had broken into such a storm of passion and invective that the young teacher had suddenly fainted; and the disgrace that Cora had felt attached to such an outburst and the consequent disturbance in the school-room, had left a cloud over her school-days ever since.

Then Tom Pollard, a bright, intelligent and kindly young fellow, had shown a decided preference for Cora's society, until one day at a picnic he bantered her about a little matter concerning which he had no idea she had the least sensitiveness; but with a curt reply and hard, set face, she strode haughtily away from his vicinity. The young man was utterly dumfounded at the unexpected result of his good-natured jesting. "Whew!" he exclaimed under his breath, "I took Cora Nevins for a sensible girl and a lady! But if that is her disposition, let us stand from under!" Then in a pent, fiery way Cora insisted that Jennie West should repeat what Tom had said, as she left them; and Jennie, quickly concluding that Cora would be angry either way, whether she told the truth or withheld it, repeated just what Tom had said. Perhaps it was as well she did. Tom had merely raised his hat on meeting her ever

since that day way back in July, and poor Cora felt humiliated at what she regarded as his too evident opinion of her.

With Jennie West and Myra Jones Cora was usually on the best of terms, but now and then there would come a flash, a sharp answer, unexpected and undeserved, and a few days' coolness would be the result.

Cora did not remember her father, but her Christian mother always tried to encourage her, assuring her that by the help of God she surely could overcome her worst fault. And one day, thinking it might warn and be of value to her to know the truth, she told Cora that her father, whom she had always heard spoken of only with kindness and respect, had been afflicted with a most ungoverned temper.

"I say 'ungoverned,' not ungovernable," her mother repeated, "because I believe that, with sufficient determination, such a fault can be overcome. My dear child, do, I beg you, govern your temper while you are young, for if you do not, it may master you in time."

And Cora tried and tried, and failed and failed.

But here was another year about to dawn. It was to see the last of Cora's school-days. Before its close she hoped to find employment, enabling her to aid the dear mother who had done so much for her. She had been practicing type-writing and stenography in connection with her other lessons, and had shown proficiency in all. But in looking back over the record of the closing year the young girl's eyes were full of trouble and tears.

"I have done well enough at my lessons," she said, "and have made good progress at type-writing and short-hand, but, oh dear! I haven't made the least headway, that I can see, against my quick tongue—not one bit! Dr. Knox says we must pray to be relieved of sins. Well, I have prayed and prayed, but—it is just the same. Oh, if I only could be rid of this hard, trouble-making inheritance, how thankful I should be!"

New Year's Eve—that proverbial time for good resolutions, retrospection, and half-timid peering into days to come.

Cora Nevins felt that the year about to dawn was to be a critical one for her. With its midsummer would come the close of her school days. In the fall she had a fair prospect of entering on new and independent conditions. How would she fare? Comparing the future with the past, what was the most probable outlook?

She began—as she had so many times before—going over the pitiful failures of the year, and having laid her down to sleep, she supplemented the usual bedside prayer with an earnest petition that the year so close at hand might be one in which she would acquire self-control; and in a moment she found herself wondering if she could not hit upon some plan that would prove more effective in aiding her in governing her tongue and her quick temper than had any efforts of the past, and then,—

A figure was before her, a sweet, benign presence, one she had surely never seen before. Was it an angel? She saw no wings, but an aureole of floating hair

framed a lovely face that had a celestial look, not entirely real.

Cora looked without a thought of fear, but with interest and pleasure, at the fair vision, wondering what might be its errand, and in a moment it spoke:

"Dear child, I am the Spirit of Future Days, a herald of the coming year, and I am come to urge that you, too, may be filled with the bright and hopeful promise of the Days to Come. Do you know why thoughts troublous and full of dread rise within you, and why your countenance is sad? Nay, I doubt if you guess the truth. Child, learn to look forward! Cease to gaze into the Past. It has become another world now, not one in which you are to longer live. Oh, when will mortals learn to let the dead Past bury its dead? See, see what lies before you! Look, and realize that it is yours, yours, to go forward and possess the land!"

The eyes of the Vision swept across a shining, luminous way. A land full of promise — unfulfilled, yet full of promise all the same — lay before the dreaming girl. Along its streets of Hope crowded the young of every name and clime. The golden word "Opportunity" was emblazoned over its every door. The very air was instinct with the Life that lay all ahead. No backward glance seemed possible in this fresh, new atmosphere of untried yet prescient existence.

"Now," said the Spirit, "take with me if you will, once and for all, a parting look into the Past. In the clear light of the Future it may be well to bid adieu to that which has been permitted to haunt and to bear you down. Ah! that little episode of the school-room. I call it 'little.' See how it fades before the sunlight of Future Days. It becomes a dead thing. Look again — it has sunk to its burial."

And lo! above the place where Cora had seemed to see again the accusing schoolmate and the fainting teacher, appeared a little mound of leaves and flowers. Buried! that school-girl experience that had been like a cloud along the horizon of youth so long.

"Never let it rise again," advised the Spirit. "Now," continued the cheery voice, "look again. What is this? Some mistake you made at a picnic — a young girl's error of temper, a young man's surprise and displeasure. Look quickly!"

A curl of white vapor floated in mid-air, then vanished.

"Gone!" said the Spirit, "never let it live again."

"Just once more, listen: Some hasty words spoken at different times to friends and mates, outbursts of temper, unfair speeches, quickly repented of but leaving bitter little memories to keep recurring with unwelcome persistency. See!"

A train of dark-tipped clouds chased each other across what should have been a clear sky. They floated rapidly on and soon were lost to view. A soft voice chanted dreamily: "The Past will always bury its dead if only it may be permitted. Would that mortals might be wise! Child, how do these faded errors of Past Days appear in the future that looms before you?"

The sleeper looked around. Again shone that bright, alluring pathway. No

clogging memories were in the way. No sign was visible of what might come to disappoint, to hinder, or try, the spirit of the Future.

"The Past is dead," she murmured. "The way of life lies all ahead."

"Yes, all ahead!" cried the Vision. "Enter now upon the Future, untrammelled, unimpeded by anything unfavorable that has gone before. But cherish all sweet and helpful memories. Take them with you, and go tread these new paths, go try these new opportunities. And, child, above all, keep close to the Guide who is always near."

Then for the first time Cora saw distinctly a White Light that lay like a beacon across the glimmering pathway.

"Child, keep your eye fixed on that Light" — Cora noticed that the spirit form was receding, the gentle voice growing far away — "cease to look backward, follow without wavering the ever-present Beacon, and you will — do — well" —

There was a vanishing gleam, the fall of a low-toned voice, and Cora was wide awake, gazing with inquiring eyes at a moonbeam that fell athwart the foot of her bed.

"That is where it stood," she said.

Then she fell to brooding. "Have I been looking backward instead of forward all these days?" she asked herself. "Have I let the past haunt me instead of letting the present cheer? I believe I have."

Then the whole dream kept recurring. She saw how needlessly her mind had dwelt on what the Spirit had shown her was buried in the leaf-strewn grave of days gone by; how hasty words and passionate acts were like vapor compared with the better words and actions of days to come. She dreamed with open eyes of the Light, the Beacon that had streamed along the radiant path her young feet were yet to tread.

"That was the Guiding Christ," she said, with soft and bated breath. "That was what the dear, beautiful Spirit urged me to follow. 'Child, keep your eye fixed on that Light.' I will, I will!"

Just then the clock struck twelve. "I have entered on the new path," Cora whispered; "now, how to find that Light!"

She had been well instructed in things pertaining to the kingdom of God. In a moment the young girl had sprung from the bed and was on her knees. Was it strange that a kind of mystic influence seemed to surround her? that she fancied the bar of moonlight looked glorified? that she felt sure, perfectly sure, a new experience and a brighter lay before her

The mother wondered more than once that New Year's Day what had come over Cora, she was so cheerful, so aboundingly hopeful. She met Jennie West and Myra Jones with a manner so heartsome and bright that Jennie asked laughingly what great boon the New Year had brought. She bowed to Tom Pollard with a smile so care-free and unconscious of any past that Tom overtook her, and thought how winsome after all and full of life Cora Nevins was, to be sure!

Was there any struggle? Oh, yes! Habit is a stern and unrelenting creature. But did it yield? Oh, yes, again. In the

face of a young girl's heroic determination and unflinching resolve it had to yield. The strong influence and aid of a Guiding Light, a Beacon that shone with unflickering ray, at last made of habit a vanquished foe.

For Cora persevered. As she began the New Year, so she kept on. Two evils had encompassed her — her unfortunate temper, and a constant looking into the past, which tinged and clouded the prospect before her. The Vision of New Year's Eve had opened her eyes; had convinced her that the dead past need not darken either the present or the future; that by the aid of a Christ she could overcome her fault and make of the future a bright and shining way.

And so Cora began the New Year, which indeed opened up before her a New Life.

Newton, Mass.

INTRUSTED

O New Year, fair and flawless, we receive
Into our waiting hands thy pages white,
A page for every day, whereon to write
The truthful record of each word and
thought,
And every deed of good or ill that's
wrought.

O New Year, bright and stainless! with a
prayer
For strength and courage, we this new
trust take,
And in thy smile new promises we make;
We will be better, purer, tenderer, more
wise,
As loving, kind, and good as in us lies.

Yet, New Year, as we greet thee, we confess
We've said the same before, when a new
book
Wherein to write was given to us; we
took
With hopeful hearts the utmost pains and
care,
Lest we should tear or mar the pages fair.

And yet, and yet, O New Year, ere the
leaves
Were scarce half written, we have seen
with grief
Dark blots and crooked lines on many a
leaf;
And then they have been further soiled
and stained,
Where hot and ineffectual tears have
rained.

And now, O New Year, thinking of the
past,
We take with trembling hands thy fair,
new gift;
Again will we essay to write, and lift
Our prayers for daily help, if God shall
will
That we its pages to the end shall fill.

And thus, O New Year, do we take thy
trust!
And when the rolling years have all been
passed,
And we shall stand before the Judge at
last,
May He, remembering our human frailty,
say:
"My love shall wipe all blots and stains
away."

— EMMA A. LENTE, in *Christian Advocate*.

W. H. M. S. Notes

— The Baltimore Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, during the past year, turned into the treasury of the Society \$19,419.25.

— A bequest of \$1,000 from Candace C. Lamberton, Westfield, Mass., is reported for the W. H. M. S. Two lesser bequests have also been announced recently.

— Beginning with January, *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions* will be published in New York by Eaton & Mains. The former is 35 cents per annum; the latter 15 cents for single copies, or 10 cents per copy when taken in clubs of

ten or more. Address Miss Mary Belle Evans, publisher, 150 Fifth Ave., New York.

— Mrs. D. L. Williams, corresponding secretary of the W. H. M. S., has been offered \$1,000 to open work in Eastern North Carolina—a very needy and destitute region.

— Miss Winifred Spaulding, superintendent of Fisk Training School, Kansas City, Kansas, under the care of the W. H. M. S., believes in and practices "the gospel of soap and water, bread and butter, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

— Mrs. George E. Reed, of Carlisle, Pa., is the newly appointed secretary of the Bureau for Young People's Work in the W. H. M. S. She will undoubtedly prove an enthusiastic and efficient leader.

— Miss Blanche M. Riddle, the deaconess who performed such a work of mercy in the district known as the "Patch" in Kansas City, has been obliged to make a change owing to impaired health. She now goes to Oklahoma to work among the little ones in the orphanage.

— Watts de Peyster Industrial Home at Tivoli, N. Y., under the care of the W. H. M. S., has recently been notified of a bequest of \$15,000 from Mr. W. F. Hoge, of New York city, the income from which will be used in the support of beneficiaries.

— Mrs. Levi Gilbert, wife of the editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, has accepted the secretaryship of the Bureau for Reading Circles in the W. H. M. S. This is an important place, which no doubt Mrs. Gilbert will fill with great efficiency.

— The \$200,000 Twentieth Century Thank-offering assumed by the W. H. M. S. is progressing finely. About \$100,000 has already been raised, and \$50,000 more is pledged. The remaining \$50,000, it is hoped, will be secured.

— Mrs. F. C. Hathaway and Miss Mary Pearce have gone to re-enforce the work of the W. H. M. S. in Las Vegas, N. M. They are doing parish work, visiting the sick and distressed, and giving help to both body and soul among the destitute and unhappy. Miss Snider, who has long labored in Las Vegas, is greatly encouraged by the outlook for the work.

— Many calls come to the Deaconess Bureau for workers, which cannot be met. A nurse is wanted at once to start a hospital in a thriving Western city; one is needed to serve as Travelers' Aid; two superintendents are wanted; three are required to take places in Homes that greatly need workers; and a visiting deaconess is loudly called for in the South. These are a few of the demands that face the secretary at the present time. Who will volunteer? Write to Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, 425 Cass Ave., Detroit, Mich.

— New England Conference has had the rare privilege of a visit from Mrs. Delia L. Williams, of Delaware, Ohio, general corresponding secretary of the W. H. M. S. She remained from Nov. 10 to Nov. 20. She addressed four district meetings and spoke on eight other occasions in churches or homes in the interest of the work. At several of these meetings the Twentieth Century Offering was taken for the Medical Mission building. After a visit to Hull Street Mrs. Williams heartily endorsed the work of the Medical Mission, marveling that so much could be accomplished in the cramped quarters with such inadequate facilities. She watched the physician and nurse in their gentle ministry, and then spoke very tenderly to those still in the waiting room, Miss Nitti interpreting. After praying with them, she took each by the hand with kindly words. Mrs. Will-

iams also visited the Immigrant Home. Her comprehensive address at the Boston Preachers' Meeting, Nov. 19, gave eloquent proof of the need of the work of the W. H. M. S. on the ground both of Christianity and patriotism. The presence and words of this consecrated, cultured woman will long remain an inspiration to New England workers.

WHEN WE LOOK BACK

Another door, another path before us,
Leading along uncharted, unknown lands;
We see the sail recede that hither bore us,
Pilgrims upon the New Year's shining sands.
We halt a moment in the uncertain shadows;
We pause a little in our onward track;
Help us, O God, that straight may be our pathway,
When we look back!

There will be trials: in their midst uphold us.
There will be pleasures: smile upon us then.
There will be sorrows: in Thine arms unfold us,
Thou who hast borne the sorrowing lot of men!
There will be days of storm and nights of travail;
Like the young lions we may suffer lack;
But O that we may see that God has led us
When we look back!

When the ripe year has rounded to fruition,
And orchards bend, and droops the laden vine,
Grant that not all unfruitful prove our mission;
Give us a harvest-home of corn and wine!
So may we serve beneath Thy benediction,
About the Master's business never slack;
No tears shall fall from grief all unavailing,
When we look back.

— EMMA HERRICK WEED, in *Christian Endeavor World*.

BOYS AND GIRLS

JUDY, A NAUGHTY DOG

IF you could have seen Judy on the back porch, keeping patient guard over Mrs. Lemond's little, laughing baby-girl, you would not have believed that Judy could be naughty.

Well, you shall hear of two or three of her pranks, and then judge as to whether or not Judy was a rogue.

For some time, one summer, there had been hardly any eggs found in the hen-shed; and at the same time Judy's appetite had decreased, to the notice of everybody.

At last Mr. Lemond's children, early one morning, hid behind a barrel, where a large heap of egg-shells had been found the day before. They had not been long in their hiding-place when Judy sneaked in. Yes, sneaked in. First, she looked around in all directions. Then she put one paw over the threshold and sniffed, as though she would say: "There is something strange in the air!"

But I dare say she was very hungry for her breakfast. At any rate, Judy was soon near one of the nests; and, stretching herself up to it, with a sharp whack she opened a nice warm egg and licked up the delicious contents with great relish. She was just about lifting her paw for a second whack on a second egg, when the children burst from behind the barrel, and off went Judy, not to return until late afternoon,

when she brought up the cows in a very proper way and came for her usual cracker to the side door, just as though nothing had happened but what was good and right.

The next day, too, Judy appeared at the side door at the right hour for her cracker.

"Have you brought home the cows?" questioned old Hannah, as usual.

Judy wagged her tail. But that tail did not seem to Hannah to stand up joyfully, as it did when Judy felt that she had honestly earned her cracker; and Hannah thought it well enough to have a look into the barn, and, sure enough, the cows were not there.

"You naughty dog!" Hannah scolded. "You go right down to the pasture and fetch those cows!"

Off Judy ran. Do you think she knew she had told a falsehood? And in a very short time there was such a stampede toward the barn that every one ran to see; and there was Judy, bringing in the cows at full speed. And then she came again, with her tail very joyfully wagging for her cracker.

One cold day in the winter Mr. Lemond was at the well, as usual, giving the cows water. The path from the barn was very slippery; and it was very icy, too, about the pump and it was slow business. After all had drunk, Mr. Lemond spoke to Judy:

"Take the cows into the barn."

Judy at once barked, as she did in the pasture, which meant "Go!" and the cows started. Judy let them all pass along, in line, as cows ought. Then she followed; but she did not walk quietly, as a dog in charge ought to walk. Oh, no! She seized hold of the last cow's tail and had a beautiful slide to the barn, down the long, slippery path.

After Judy had indulged herself in these slides a few times, the cows became very nervous about going to the well; and she was given to a friend and had to go away a long distance to live. But I dare say she found ways to amuse herself in her new home. — HELENE H. BOLL, in *Little Folks*.

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First Quarter Lesson II

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1900.

MATTHEW 21: 6-17.

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THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

I Preliminary

1. GOLDEN TEXT: *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.* — Matt. 21: 9.

2. DATE: April 2, A. D. 30.

3. PLACE: Bethphage, Bethany, Jerusalem.

4. PARALLEL NARRATIVES: Mark 11: 1-19; Luke 19: 29-44; John 12: 12-19.

5. HOME READINGS: Monday — Matt. 21: 1-17. Tuesday — John 12: 12-19. Wednesday — Zech. 9: 9-17. Thursday — Luke 19: 37-48. Friday — Jer. 9: 8-16. Saturday — Psal. 118: 19-29. Sunday — Rev. 5: 6-14.

II Introductory

Among the prophecies concerning our Lord as yet unfulfilled was one by Zechariah: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation: lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass." No such royal title had yet been publicly assumed by Him, and no such advent to the holy city had yet been made. But on Sunday, the first day of the paschal festivities, Jesus, on leaving Bethany with His disciples, sent two of them to the neighboring hamlet of Bethphage, with the direction to bring an ass and a colt which they would find tied there, "whereon no man ever yet sat;" and bidding them explain to any one objecting, that "the Lord hath need of them." The beasts were brought, and the multitude, in a transport of enthusiasm, flung their mantles upon them for trappings, and Jesus sat upon the colt. As the procession climbed the eastern slope of Olivet, the people tapestried the pathway with their garments and with the fronds of palm-trees, and the triumphant Hallel was taken up in responsive chorus by those going before and those following, and by multitudes that came forth from the city to meet Him: "Hosanna! blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; blessed is the kingdom that cometh, the kingdom of our father David. Hosanna in the highest!" Vainly did the Pharisees appeal to Jesus to repress these significant exclamations: they were told in reply that the very stones would cry out if the people were silenced. Nothing, indeed, interrupted this outburst of exultant joy but the tears of Jesus himself as He caught sight of Jerusalem, and remembered its persistent rejection of mercy and foresaw its doom. As the procession renewed its march, and, descending the mountain, entered the city gates, the shouts of the people caused a great commotion, and the name of "Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth," passed from lip to lip. "To the Jewish people the alternative was now distinctly offered, for the last time, between the acceptance and rejection of their spiritual King; and, even amid their shouts of triumph, the evil choice was made by the malice of the priests and the fickleness of the people." In vain the astounding miracle of recalling the

dead Lazarus to life; in vain all His words and works. The hosannas of this hour of seeming victory would in four days change to malevolent cries of "Crucify Him!" Jesus well knew this as, leaving the procession behind, He entered the temple and gazed upon its pollutions. The Court of the Gentiles had been turned into a market under the pretence of furnishing the requirements of worship. As He listened to the lowing of oxen, the bleating of sheep, the contentions of trade, the clink of gold, He was filled with indignation. Again, on the following day, as at the beginning of His ministry, He drove them all forth. "Is it not written," said He, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?" "But ye," He added, "have made it a den of robbers." Notwithstanding, however, this outburst of zeal, the blind and the lame sought His healing touch in the temple, and the children sang "Hosanna to the Son of David!" to the great displeasure of the chief priests.

III Expository

6, 7. The disciples. — Their names are not given, but Peter and John were sometimes sent on these errands. Did as Jesus commanded (R. V., "even as Jesus appointed") them. — They were bidden to go to Bethphage for the ass and the colt. The accounts of Mark and Luke are fuller and more vivid. They tell us that the disciples found the animals "in the open street;" their act of untying excited inquiry; but the simple words which their Master had told them to use, availed. Put on them their clothes (R. V., "garments") — made a saddle out of their upper garments. They set him thereon (R. V., "he sat thereon") — took His seat on the garments and the colt, the only occasion on which, as far as the record goes, He ever rode, and a remarkable fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy.

8. A very great multitude (R. V., "the most part of the multitude"), etc. — The Passover pilgrims were numbered by millions, according to Josephus. The multitude at this time was doubtless very great, and the enthusiasm quickly spread. Spread their garments in the way. — Those who could not use their *abbas* for a saddle, ran before and spread them on the dusty road as a carpet. Others cut branches. — These "branches" were palms (John 12: 13) chiefly, the symbol of triumph and joy.

Combining the four accounts, we get the following features: Some took off their outer garment, the burnoose, and bound it on the colt as a kind of saddle; others cast their garments in the way, a mark of honor to a king (2 Kings 9: 13); others climbed the trees, cut down the branches, and strewed them in the way (Matt. 21: 8); others gathered leaves and twigs and rushes (Mark 11: 8). This procession was made up largely of Galileans, but the reputation of Christ, increased by the resurrection of Lazarus, had preceded Him, and many came out from the city to swell the acclamations and increase the enthusiasm (John 12: 13). Matthew adds that all this was in fulfillment of prophecy (Matt. 21: 4, 5; comp. Zech. 9: 9) (L. Abbott).

9. Multitudes that went before and followed. — The crowd was a vast one, composed both of those who came forth from the city to meet Him and those who had followed Him from Jericho. Cried — probably falling into the antiphonic chorus, the one part responding to the other, in the words of the Passover hymn and greetings. Hosanna to the Son of David — "Hebrew, *hoshiah-na*, 'save now,' or 'save, I pray.' Na is a particle of entreaty added to imperatives. They are the first words of

Psalms 118: 25. 'Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord! O Lord, I beseech thee send now prosperity;' a verse which was sung in solemn procession round the altar at the Feast of Tabernacles and on other occasions. The multitude recognized the Messiah in Jesus, and addressed to Him the strains of their most joyous festival. St. Luke paraphrases the expression for his Gentile readers, 'Glory in the highest!' (Cambridge Bible.) Blessed is he that cometh, etc. — Jesus was "the Apostle of our profession" — the One sent forth from the Father, coming in Jehovah's name. He was coming now before their very eyes. Never had there been such occasion for the use of the Great Hallel. Hosanna in the highest — the superlative Hosanna. Various attempts have been made to literalize the meaning of this glad outburst, for example, "May our Hosanna be ratified in heaven" (Schaff); but it seems best to regard it as an intense expression of praise, summing up the joyful desires and feelings of the multitude in a single ejaculation. Matthew omits the protest of the Pharisees against the unmistakably significant phrases of the multitude and also the episode of Christ weeping over Jerusalem.

10, 11. All the city was moved (R. V., "stirred") . . . Who is this? — These words describe, very vividly, the universal excitement which the arrival of Jesus, attended by His retinue, aroused. "We may picture the narrow streets thronged with eager, inquisitive crowds demanding, with Oriental vivacity in many tongues and dialects, 'Who is this?'" (Cambridge Bible). How the Pharisees felt about it Luke tells us (19: 39, 40) and also John (12: 19). This is Jesus, etc. (R. V., "this is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee"). — Says Lange: "It must not be overlooked that the question of surprise with which the proud city met the Galilee pilgrim-train seems to have lowered in some degree the spirit of

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their testimony. It is not 'the Messiah,' but, somewhat ambiguously, 'the prophet,' that they reply."

12. **Jesus went into the temple.**—This visit occurred on the next day. On Sunday He simply entered in and "looked around." The episode of the cursing of the unfruitful tree, related by Mark, occurred on Monday before the purification of the temple. **Cast out all them that sold and bought.**—The prescribed sacrifices required numerous victims. A market was needed near the temple, but not in it. That the priests should permit the encroachment of trade upon the sacred precincts was regarded by Jesus as a sacrilege which He, as Lord of the temple, was bound to rebuke and rectify. **Money changers.**—Roman and other foreign coin was current in Palestine, but for the temple offering or tribute the Jewish shekel, or half shekel, was required. This necessity had required the money exchange, and the petty bankers of that day had erected their counters or stalls in the sacred court. **Seats of them that sold doves.**—No kinds of tradesmen were permitted by Him to ply their vocation in God's house—not even those who sold pigeons for poor women coming to the temple for purification.

13. **It is written**—Our Lord had a Scriptural warrant for His conduct. **My house . . . house of prayer.**—The quotation is from Isa. 56:7 and Jer. 7:11. The language was a rebuke of those who had dispossessed the Gentiles of the only place allowed them in the temple for devotion—a serious offence, seeing that the temple was designed to be, not for Jews only, but "a house of prayer for all the nations" (Gentiles); and also a rebuke of the "fleeing," or robbery, carried on by the extortionate and noisy traders in this desecrated court. **Made it a den of thieves** (R. V., "robbers").—"Compare Jer. 7:11. 'Is this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your eyes?' We reasonably suppose that constructive 'robbery' would be perpetrated on purchasers by many of the cattle-dealers and money-changers. Advantage would be taken of the pressure, hurry and sacredness of the circumstances to extort exorbitant prices. . . . The very priests, however, and high priests must come under condemnation in this matter. From them alone could the right to traffic within the precincts of the sanctuary be obtained. It would be obtained 'for a consideration.' The infamous 'almightiness' of money would thus be recognized by them. There would be payment 'in cash' of part of the anticipated plunder. There would thus be robbery, and sacrilegious robbery, incarnated under priestly robes" (Morison).

14, 15. **Blind and the lame . . . healed them**—more congenial work to Him, doubtless, than the work of purification. **Chief priests . . . saw the wonderful things.**—They had plotted to kill him, and were doubtless driven almost to desperation by His daring act of cleansing the temple and the stinging accusation contained in His rebuke. **The children crying Hosanna**—probably catching the words from the shouts of the Galilean pilgrims. **Were sore displeased** (R. V., "were moved with indignation")—that He should permit in the very temple the unequivocal testimony to His Messiahship which these words implied, and also that children should use these offensive words.

16. **Hearst thou what these say?**—"Can it really be the case that you hear what these silly children are shouting, and that you take no means to stop their mouths?" (Morison.) **Out of the mouths of babes . . . perfected praise.**—"He cites the words of Psalm 8:2, the primary

meaning of which appears to be that the child's wonder at the marvels of creation is the truest worship. As applied by our Lord, this lesson was the same. The cries of the children were the utterance of a truth which the priests and scribes rejected. To Him, to whom the innocent brightness of childhood was a delight, they were more acceptable than the half-hearted, self-seeking homage of older worshippers" (Plumptre).

IV Illustrative

This purification of the temple indicates in Christ a vigor and intensity of character and a power of indignation which modern thought rarely attributes to Him. It interprets the suggestive description of Christ's personal appearance given by John in Rev. 1:13-16, the only hint of His personal appearance afforded by the New Testament. We can imagine that in this expulsion His eyes were as flames of fire, His feet firm in their tread like feet of brass, His voice as the sound of the ocean, His words as a two-edged sword. This indignation was aroused by (a) the sacrilegious covetousness which made God's house a house of merchandise; (b) the fraud which converted it into a den of thieves; (c) the selfishness of the bigotry which excluded the heathen from the only court reserved for them. It should inspire in His disciples a like spirit of indignation (a) against the sacrilegious covetousness which converts the house of God into a mart of merchandise, whether by the sale of indulgences, masses and prayers to others, or by employing it, not for the praise of God, but for the social and pecuniary profit of the pretended worshiper; (b) against the bigotry which permits us to look with indifference upon the exclusion of the poor, the outcast, the despised from the privileges of God's house. It is a type of (a) the cleansing which Christ comes to do for every soul which is a temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16); (b) the final cleansing, when He will come to cast out all things that defile and work abomination (Rev. 21:27). Observe that in Revelation the world is represented as dreading "the wrath of the Lamb." Christ's example here does not justify the use of physical force by the church to cleanse it from corruption; for Christ did not employ physical force. His whip was not a weapon. The power before which the traders fled was the moral power of Christ strengthened by the concurring judgment of their own consciences and the moral sense of the people (Abbott).

—Live in Christ and you are in the suburbs of heaven. There is but a thin wall between you and the land of praise. You are

within one hour's sailing of the shore of the new Canaan. — *Rutherford.*

The Naval Temperance League


THE swift results of the newly organized temperance movement in the United States Navy give promise of a great accomplishment in that field. The Temperance League of the Naval Young Men's Christian Association has, with the official sanction of Secretary Long, already gained the support of nearly all the officers; and that at least ninety per cent. of the men in the navy will become members of the League is regarded as a conservative statement.

The society is fully committed to total abstinence, the signers to the pledge being secured by a clear and honest statement of the virtues of total abstinence and the dangers of drinking. It is exceedingly simple of plan, and capable of being readily adapted to any condition of service. In lieu of a constitution it issues a circular of information providing that each branch League shall be under the direct supervision of the chaplain of the ship or station, or such other officer as the chaplain may designate; that any officer enlisted or person in the navy may become a member by subscribing to the pledge; that a "fidelity committee" be appointed to look after the loyalty of new members; and that an entertainment committee supply the activity so necessary to the well-being of the seamen by supplementing the interest of pledge-signing with music, readings, athletic feats, etc. The membership pin and a handsome badge conferred for one year's faithful adherence to the pledge are permitted to be worn with the navy uniform.

Under the strong and wise leadership of the Senior Chaplain, Rev. Wesley O. Holway, D. D., the influence of the League is steadily spreading throughout the entire navy. Of the five hundred apprentices at the naval training station, Newport, R. I., ninety per cent. are members of the League. Of 150 boys sent from the station to the training ship "Essex" last May, 153 had signed the pledge and joined the League; of the 203 boys transferred from the station to the training ship "Monongahela" in June, 170 were members.

Contrast these conditions with those existing in the army, and again the question arises why the canteen must be tolerated in the army more than in the navy. Why a total abstinence league is more practicable or necessary on the sea than on the land, is another question which the W. C. T. U. and its supporters have not been able to answer. — *Union Signal.*

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OUR BOOK TABLE

Christianity in the Nineteenth Century. Lowell Lectures. By George U. Lorimer, D. D. American Baptist Publication Society: Boston. Price, \$2.25.

When Dr. Lorimer, pastor of Tremont Temple, speaks either with voice or pen, he is listened to by great numbers, and deservedly. The present volume will increase the already great number of those much indebted to him for his inspiring influence and stimulating thought. He will not expect, however, that every one shall agree with all the opinions he has expressed, for he has embraced a wide range of topics and has declared himself with considerable force upon many of them. The topics are such as these: "The Human Element in the Progress of a Divine Religion," "The New Prophetism in Modern Literature," "The Bearing of Recent Research on the Inspiration of Holy Writ," "The Emancipation and Transformation of Evangelical Theology," "The Movement for the Restoration of Primitive Christian Union," "The Religious Message of the Nineteenth Century to the Twentieth."

As to inspiration, Dr. Lorimer holds that it "resides in the essential nature of the book, and not necessarily in the letter;" "that the trustworthiness of the Scriptures, and not merely their inspiration, constitutes the true basis of their appeal to reason;" and that the labors of the higher critics "have been of the highest value to the cause of truth." In other words, Dr. Lorimer belongs to the liberal wing of evangelical theologians. The Augustinian theology, he says, has fallen; it is no longer credible. But as to what shall take its place, he is much at a loss. He seems never to have heard of Arminius, or Wesley, or any other Methodist, for in enumerating the influences and persons instrumental in overthrowing Calvinism he speaks at length of Unitarianism, Universalism, Broad Church Anglicanism, Maurice, Kingsley, Robertson, Erskine, Channing, even the Baptist Andrew Fuller, as well as Beecher, Bushnell and Phillips Brooks, but never recognizes in the slightest degree that any Arminian or Methodist had anything to do with it. This, to say the least, is very extraordinary, and we are quite unable to account for it.

We are unable to agree with him, also, when he declares that "Congregationalism is in the ascendancy; that is, it is gaining in favor." He gives no figures or facts to prove it, beyond a reference to the enlargement of woman's activity, which he holds "in the nature of things makes for the final triumph of the Congregational principle." He does not seem to us consistent with himself when he demands on one page that the church shall cease to let outside agencies—such as law and order leagues and societies for the suppression of vice—"usurp her functions;" in other words, must broaden out; and then, a page or two further on, declares that the church "must not attempt to do the work of other institutions, she must specialize," as is the order of the day universally. Her specialty, he says, "is, in brief, the spiritual." "She must concern herself almost exclusively with spiritual worship, spiritual culture, and spiritual service." We believe this latter, and so do not believe the church should try to do the work of the benevolent fraternities and law enforcement leagues, as the author claims in the other place.

Dr. Lorimer is very severe on the church for stooping to invoke the aid of traffic to supply her needs and raising revenue by mercantile methods, and would have no organ, bell or minister that has to be procured or supported in such a way. But this summary method of disposing of a difficult and many-sided question does not strike us

as being the height of wisdom. Of course, if all church members did their part, there would be no need of these things, as he says; but since they will not all do their part, or anywhere near all, something else must be done. We are not ready to say shut up the doors.

Reasons for Faith in Christianity. With Answers to Hypercriticism. By John McDowell Leavitt, D. D. Eaton & Mains: New York. Price, \$1.25.

Dr. Leavitt has produced a strong and faith-making book. Though occupying the conservative standpoint in theology, yet in most cases he is open to all the light attainable, and presents many fresh reasons for confidence in the old certitudes of the Scriptures from recent discoveries in archaeology and other sources. Very strong and convincing are his chapters on the "Authenticity of the Old Testament," "Supernatural Evidence," "Christ," and "Proofs of the Resurrection." It is a valuable and timely book.

The Siege in Peking. China against the World. By an Eye Witness, W. A. P. Martin, D. D., LL. D., F. H. Revell Co.: New York and Chicago. Price, \$1.

President Martin, so long at the head of the Chinese Imperial University, is the first to tell, in book form, the thrilling story of the siege. It is well worth reading, though it does not add a great deal to what has already come out in the newspapers and magazines. He explains fully—though explanation and refutation were scarcely called for by any one possessed of common sense—the ridiculous charges of stealing which the lying correspondents of some of the dailies are continuing, even at this late day, to forward to America against the missionaries and their converts. But we suppose those who wish to believe these idle tales will continue to do so. It is understood that Dr. Arthur H. Smith is at work on a narrative of the siege, which will soon appear and be exceedingly valuable.

Life of Mrs. Booth, the Founder of the Salvation Army. By W. T. Stead. Fleming H. Revell Co.: New York and Chicago. Price, \$1.25.

This is a character sketch, a biographical study of one of the most remarkable women of our time, one of the makers of modern England. The materials are drawn from the large two volume "Life of Catherine Booth," by Booth-Tucker, but they are presented in a fresh form according to the ideas of Mr. Stead. He is not at all points appreciative of the extreme strictness of Mrs. Booth and her wonderful mother in the rules and principles that governed their lives, but in most respects he is sufficiently sympathetic to do justice to his task. He makes it abundantly evident that Mrs. Booth has had very few equals as a woman of combined heart power, brain power, sterling common sense, and practical efficiency as a Christian mother and public worker. The Booth family is in many respects without a parallel. Some other famous families—the Beechers and the Edwardses, for example—would doubtless surpass them in intellectual ability; but if they go on for another generation or two as they have begun, when the final record of usefulness is made up it would not be surprising if they stood first. The book is an inspiration, and should be read by those who have not time for the larger work.

The Cripple of Nuremberg. By Felicia Buttz Clark. Illustrated. Jennings & Pye: Cincinnati. Price, \$1.25.

This is correctly described as "a strong and fascinating story of Reformation times, remarkably picturesque and true to history." Charles V., the Duke of Alva, Frederick of Saxony, Ulrich von Reuss, Hans Sachs, the Landgrave of Hesse, and other historic characters of the times soon after the death of Luther, are prominently introduced in a way to make them live again. Mrs. Clark, daughter of President Buttz, of Madison, and wife of one of our mission-

aries to Italy, has certainly done well in this (which we take to be her first) volume. It will probably not be the last. A good book for the Sunday-schools.

Lord Linlithgow. A Novel. By Morley Roberts. Harper & Brothers: New York. Price, \$1.50.

Politics and love are skillfully mingled here, and London social life of the present day is graphically set forth. Lord Rosebery appears to be pointed at in Linlithgow, Cecil Rhodes is clearly indicated in another prominent character, and various other contemporary politicians who have figured in recent Parliamentary annals or British empire strifes are more or less plainly hinted at. The chief interest of the plot turns on a fierce struggle in the hero's mind as to the rightfulness of a certain trick which he seems compelled to practice to get possession of important papers whose publication carries dismay and defeat into the ranks of his opponents. The love scenes are well managed, and the outcome is very satisfactory. It must, on the whole, be called quite a strong book as well as a very interesting one.

The Silent Prince. By Mrs. Hattie Arnold Clark. American Tract Society: New York. Price, \$1.

The scene of this story is laid in the Netherlands in 1565, when Spain was trying to force her religion upon that people. There is a dainty little love story running through the book, but it is chiefly valuable for the descriptions of the life of those times among the people and also in the convents. William, Prince of Orange, called the Silent Prince, aids his people to the last, and the book ends with his assassination and the principal characters safe on foreign soil.

For the Liberty of Texas. By Captain Ralph Bonehill. Dana Estes & Co.: Boston.

This book, complete in itself, is the first of three to be known as the "Mexican War Series." Very little is known by the present generation of that bitter struggle of Texas for independence, when no quarter was shown by either side. This book will add much to the general information, and though written with historical accuracy, it reads more like romance than fact. The young reader will be delighted with the experiences of little Ralph and his brother in hunting and in the war, while all will enjoy Mr. Radbury, the father of the boys, and Stover, the scout, with their varied and thrilling experiences.

For Tommy; and Other Stories. By Laura ards. Dana Estes & Co.: Boston. Price, \$1.

Mrs. Richards has won a large place in the appreciation of the best readers by her fresh, interesting and striking stories. "For Tommy," the first in this series, reminds the reader very strongly of Ian Mac-laren, and the lesson is similar to those which so many of his tales teach. It is a good book for youth, but the adult will find interest and refreshment in it.

Traveller Tales of South Africa: or, Stories which Picture Recent History. By Hezekiah Butterworth. Illustrated. Dana Estes & Co.: Boston. Price, \$1.50.

Encouraged by the marvelous popularity of the Zig-Zag Journeys, the author begins another series of similar narratives intended to encourage educational travel. He aims, in this initial volume, to present a picture of the present political condition of South Africa, and also to give such stories and incidents as shall vividly show up the past. Kimberley, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Rhodesia, Majuba Hill, Early Missionaries, Bushmen, Bechuanaas, Zulus, and much else, come in. The author is a friend of Krüger and the Dutch, and very severely denounces Cecil Rhodes, calling him all sorts of bad names. In the preface Mr. Butterworth says: "The writer and compiler does not expect that all his readers will follow his own political views, but he hopes to stimulate all to seek a larger intelligence on topics about which people of right inspira-

tions differ in regard to methods of accomplishing results."

The Story of the Soldier. By Gen. Geo. A. Forsyth. D. Appleton & Co.: New York. Price, \$1.50.

In the "Story of the West" series, which already includes the Cowboy, the Indian, the Railroad, and the Mine, and is to have added the Trapper and the Explorer, this story of the Soldier finds a very fitting and important place. It constitutes practically a history of the regular soldier of the United States army. One chapter deals with the inception of the army; another discusses how and why the regular army came into being and the sources from which its officers are commissioned; a third is headed, "The Army Officer, the People and the Soldier;" and a fourth tells of the "Characteristics and Development of the American Soldier, his Surroundings, Perquisites, and Pay." The greater number of the pages is given over to the various Indian campaigns. Six illustrations by Zogbaum add materially to the interest. Gen. Forsyth has done this much-needed work thoroughly well, with enthusiasm and abundant knowledge. Open the book anywhere, and it becomes difficult to lay it down. It deals with stirring events and heroic endeavors closely connected with the very life of the nation.

The Idiot at Home. By John Kendrick Bangs. Harper & Brothers: New York and London. Price, \$1.25.

As the title of the book implies, the author has bought himself a house, and proceeds to tell us in his inimitable manner of the delights of housekeeping. He writes essays and sonnets on clothespins, the eggbeater, the "Poker Bold," and even extracts poetry from a ton of coal. The chapters on the hired man and gardening will cause many a hearty laugh. Mr. Bangs has won for himself an assured position in American literature, and whatever he writes will be welcomed by his large circle of admirers. The illustrations by F. T. Richards add much to the book.

Practical Portions for the Prayer Life. Selected Thoughts on Prayer for Each Day of the Year. By Charles A. Cook. Fleming H. Revell Co.: Chicago. Price, \$1.25.

This is a very valuable and inspiring compilation. The author has grouped the choicest utterances of the choicest writers on the all-important subject of prayer. The book is intended to help the believer to a better understanding of the place God intended prayer to have among men, and to help make the believer's prayer-life a joy and a power.

Overheard in the Wittington Family. Illustrations by C. Allan Gilbert. Life Publishing Co.: New York city. Price, \$3.

This is one of *Life's* handsomest holiday issues. No finer types of fair women appear in any of our illustrated sheets than those depicted by Mr. Gilbert.

Fore! Life's Book for Golfers. Life Publishing Co.: New York.

Under the above significant title the humorous side of "the ruling passion" play is illustrated in a handsome volume, taken from the pages of the well-known periodical, *Life*. Lovers of the game will enjoy the fun as well as the beauty and skill displayed in the pictures, and those who never handled a "brassie" will find much to amuse them in the "all sorts and conditions of men" and of circumstances which the pages reveal.

Rita. By Laura E. Richards. Dana Estes & Company: Boston. Price, \$1.25.

This is the fourth volume in the Margaret Series, and tells us of Rita, the Cuban Margaret, in Mrs. Richards' well-known delightful style. Most of the story is told in the letters of Rita to her cousin, and begins with the opening of the Cuban war, when Rita, a Cuban sympathizer, is almost

forced into a convent by her stepmother, a Spaniard, but escapes and joins her brother in his camp in the woods. We read with mingled pleasure and tears of her thrilling experiences, during which she develops from a headstrong, passionate girl into a noble, sweet-tempered woman. All who have read the previous books will surely want this.

The Book of Saints and Friendly Beasts. By Abbie Farwell Brown. Illustrated by Fanny Y. Cory. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.: Boston. Price, \$1.25.

The title yokes together the seemingly incongruous. A glance within, however, makes everything clear. Wild beasts are tame to the meek, and these are veritable records of the friendly relations of some twenty saints with his or her beast or bird. The book is interesting, and teaches a wholesome and much-needed lesson. The former editor of *Jabberwock* is earning a warm place in the hearts of a widening circle of readers.

Womanly Beauty of Form and Feature. The Cultivation of Personal Beauty Based on Hygiene and Health Culture. By Twenty Physicians and Specialists. With eighty illustrations. Edited by Albert Turner. Health Culture Co.: New York. Price, \$1.

This book is more than worth the money. It is heavily stocked with valuable matter on almost every topic of interest to women in the culture and preservation of health—health being regarded as the basis of beauty. Many of these chapters were originally published in *Health Culture*, but they are all the more valuable in being concatenated in this permanent form. We unhesitatingly commend the book.

Magazines

—The opening article in the December *Magazine of Art* is devoted to the Harris Library and Museum, Preston; the interesting description by the curator, W. B. Barton, being profusely illustrated with views of the building and reproductions of some of the paintings in the Art Gallery. Then follow "Gems of the Wallace Collection," "Chinese Architecture," "The Grands Prix for Painting at the Paris Exposition," "Sculptor and Professor: Edouard Lanteri," all finely illustrated and very readable. This art monthly holds an unrivaled place in the world of art and literature. (Cassell & Company: 7 and 9 West 18th St., New York.)

—The Christmas *Photo Era* appears with a handsome new cover design and the announcement that it has absorbed the *American Journal of Photography* of Philadelphia. The illustrations this month include a frontispiece of exceptional merit, by Histed, the effect of which is that of an eighteenth century wood print. The halftone work of the number is superb. (Photo Era Publishing Co.: Dewey Square, Boston.)

—Each new number of the *North American Review* seems fuller and more important. The December issue contains sixteen important papers. Perhaps the most notable is W. J. Bryan's explanation of his defeat under the caption, "The Election of 1900." Lord Charles Beresford has a noteworthy contribution on "Future of the Anglo-Saxon Race." Frederic Harrison discounts the claims of the century on moral and Christian lines under the ominous title, "Christianity at the Grave of the Nineteenth Century." Charles Whitbey writes of "The Jubilee of the Printing Press." Moncure D. Conway tells of his "Memories of Max Müller." (Franklin Square, New York.)

—*The People, the Land, and the Book*, as its name implies, is a Hebrew Christian quarterly, treating Judaism and Christianity from a historical, biographical, mes-

sianic-prophetical and literary standpoint. The September number is full of information for the Christian scholar. This rare quarterly is furnished at the exceeding low price of \$1. (The People, the Land, and the Book Publishing Co.: Brooklyn, New York.)

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hold

The strange world-powers, unmeasured
and untold—

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And rend the clouds, and quake the
mountain height—

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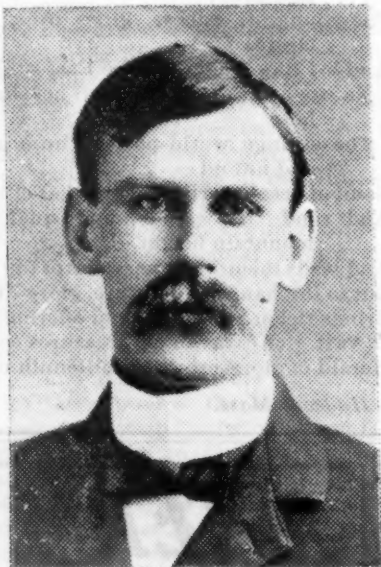
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 Forget its sorrows, let its good remain.
 Remember what was gained from battles fought,
 And sing the victor's sweet and glad refrain.

God give a happy New Year to mankind!
 Gird all His servants with a courage new!
 Uphold the faint, give sight to those blind,
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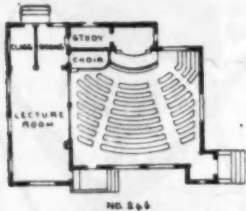
Dedication at Greenville Junction, Maine

SUNDAY, Dec. 9, in many respects was a great day for the people of Greenville. Nearly two years ago the question of established religious service was discussed, and soon after, Rev. Geo. A. Martin,



REV. CARL H. RAUPACH
 Pastor Greenville Church.

a student in Colby University, well and favorably known, was invited to spend his vacation in this pleasant and thriving vil-



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lage. After his graduation he became the pastor, and remained with them three months, until he entered Boston University School of Theology. During this time he organized a church of seventeen members, drew large congregations, discussed the question of a new church edifice, and laid the foundation for such an enterprise. He so greatly endeared himself to the people that it was a grave question who could fol-

low him and continue the work. Rev. James Jackson, of Woburn, Mass., was secured, and soon proved that he was a good and efficient workman. He secured the gift of two valuable lots from the lamented John Eveleth, Esq., who was soon after thrown from his carriage and killed.

Rev. Carl H. Raupach, a member of the East Maine Conference, was appointed to this charge last spring, and soon took up the work and persistently and judiciously prosecuted it until Dec. 6, when the doors were opened to one of the most unique and prettiest churches we have seen in many a day. Services began on Friday evening with a musical and literary entertainment by home talent, assisted by Rev. N. La Marsh, of Castine, violinist and soloist. Saturday evening Mr. La Marsh gave his inimitable and interesting lecture, "Success or Failure," to a good congregation of people, who were greatly delighted.

Sunday morning Rev. F. L. Hayward preached an able and impressive sermon from Gen. 1:28: "The Mission and Privileges of Man." The pastor, Rev. C. H. Raupach, gave a brief résumé of the enterprise, and reported that \$4,200 had been expended, leaving an indebtedness of \$1,757. He praised the people for their generosity, cordiality and hearty co-operation, and confidently looked to them to liquidate the debt and grant him his greatest desire — to dedicate the church without a cent of indebtedness. The presiding elder, Rev. E. H. Boynton, proceeded to ask for subscriptions, and readily procured \$1,000.

The visitors from abroad were royally entertained at dinner, and at 2 o'clock the church was well filled with people who listened to a most eloquent and interesting sermon by Rev. J. M. Frost, of Grace Church, Bangor, on the expectation of Jesus, from Heb. 10:12 and 13. The congregation was asked to give the remaining \$757. Soon \$600 of this amount melted away, the congregation all the while becoming more deeply interested, and reluctantly leaving the church for an intermission.

A fine assembly was present in the evening. The pastor was handed a package

marked: "\$36.50 given by non-church to the men who had so helped them and made the day the greatest and best Greenville ever saw. The enterprise promises much, very much, to the cause of Christ



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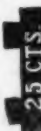
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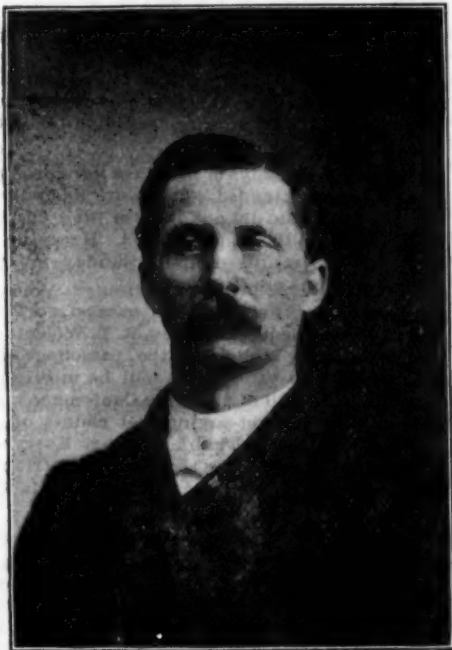


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Dedication at Madison, Maine.

WITH songs of triumph and a shout of victory the new church edifice at Madison, Me., was dedicated to the worship of God on Thursday, Dec. 13. This church has a history reaching back nearly



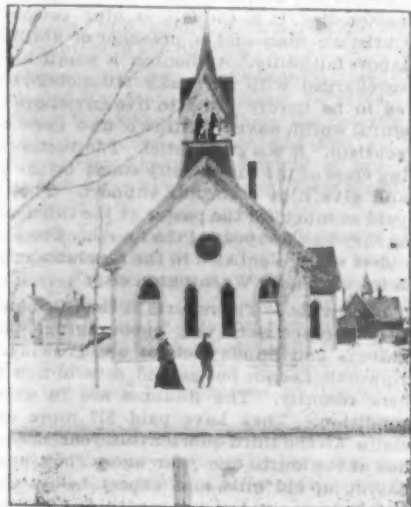
REV. S. ELDRRED LEECH
Pastor Madison Church.

to the beginning of the century, with the labors of that pioneer of New England Methodism, the faithful Lee. But being a small settlement and with only a few members, the Madison Methodists wor-

made to build, and in December of the following year a meeting-house was dedicated. It was not an elaborate structure, but it answered the purpose; and about five years later, while the late Rev. Abel E. Parlin was pastor, it was enlarged and its seating capacity nearly doubled. Thus it remained until March 11 of this year, when it took fire from an overheated furnace and was so badly burned as to be beyond repair.

It was thought best to erect a new and more convenient structure. Meetings were held, committees chosen, subscription papers solicited, aid secured from our benevolent societies, a building committee elected, and on July 19 the corner-stone was laid. Work has steadily progressed under the direction of the pastor, Rev. S. E. Leech, and Mr. L. H. Page, the contractor, until the edifice was complete on the day mentioned. The foundations are of large Norridgewock granite with block granite underpinning, all laid in cement. The basement is 9½ feet high—making a good place for a vestry which will be fitted up for that purpose at some future time—and contains the furnaces and toilet conveniences. One large Boynton and a smaller Glenwood furnace heat the house. The next floor contains an auditorium, 45x50; a lecture-room, 18x24; a class-room, 11x18; and the vestibule 9 feet square, which is under the tower. The auditorium is seated with circular pews, and will accommodate over three hundred. The floors are of hard wood without carpets except on the platform. The pulpit and choir platforms are spacious and furnished in oak. All the windows are of stained glass in leaded quarries. Three are memorials: one was given by Bethesda Chapter of the Epworth

pulpit a large circular window evidences the appreciation of the church for the services of the present pastor, Rev. S. E. Leech. The ceilings are of stamped steel beautifully decorated. The church is wired for electricity, but temporarily lighted with



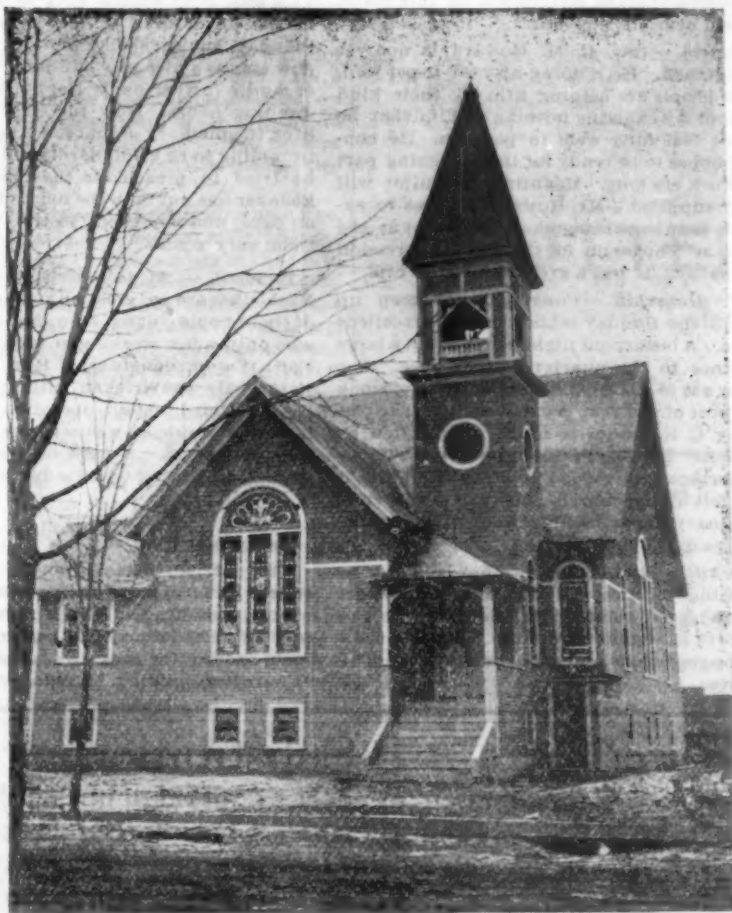
OLD M. E. CHURCH, MADISON, ME.

Rochester lamps with Frink reflectors. The total cost is about \$7,000, not including the bell and musical instruments which were saved from the fire.

The dedicatory services opened on Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, by a reunion service of former pastors, presiding elders and friends. At 9.45 Thursday Presiding Elder Southard held a love-feast, followed by a grand sermon by Rev. G. R. Palmer, of Fairfield.

At noon a dinner was served in Evans Hall. At 2 p. m. the dedication proper began. The house was filled. The presiding elder announced that in addition to all subscriptions and the sum expected from Church Aid, \$700 remained to be provided for, and called for subscriptions. Nearly \$400 was subscribed, and then Rev. Luther Freeman, pastor of Chestnut St. Church, Portland, preached a sermon of great power from Isa. 53: 11. Owing to the lateness of the hour the meeting was adjourned until evening.

Supper was served in the hall, and at 7.30, after a praise service, Mr. Southard announced that only \$130 more would secure the debt. This was pledged in a short time, and the doxology was sung by a happy people. The dedicatory exercises followed, and then Rev. E. S. J. McAllister, of Pine St. Church, Portland, gave a sermon which fittingly crowned the greatest day Madison Methodism ever knew.



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THE CONFERENCES

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Concord District

Swiftwater and Benton. — The people hold the pastor, Rev. C. E. Clough, in high esteem as a Christian man and a preacher of ability. He labors faithfully. At Benton a small element, surcharged with a cranky fanaticism, so holy as to be hardly fitted to live anywhere in this sinful world, have withdrawn and gone to Adventism. It is a great relief. The better thinking class of the community stand by the pastor and give him a cordial support. They have paid as much for the pastor at the third quarter as they had last year at the fourth. The pastor's oldest son has enlisted in the regular army and is in camp near Washington city.

Woodsville. — The reports at the third quarterly conference were very encouraging. Congregations and Sunday-school are growing. The Epworth League has gained several new members recently. The finances are in excellent condition. They have paid \$17 more on the claim at the third quarter this year than they had at the fourth one year ago. They are also paying up old bills, and expect before Conference to have cleaned up everything. There is an increasing religious interest. Everybody is greatly encouraged.

East Haverhill. — The parsonage had a narrow escape from fire recently. In the forenoon of Dec. 3 fire was discovered in the partition between the kitchen and dining-room. By vigorous efforts it was extinguished before it got beyond control. If the pastor had been absent, or if it had occurred at night, probably the house would have burned to the ground.

Piermont. — Furnaces are being placed under the church here. The money is all raised.

Tilton. — Sunday, Dec. 2, was a good day. Two were received on probation, 6 young people into full connection, and 2 by letter. At the evening service a man came to the altar who had not been to church for fourteen years. He was a Roman Catholic, but seemed to be in dead earnest. A young lady visiting in this town was converted, and went to her home to tell what great things the Lord had done for her. The work grows here. Pastor and people are happy.

Crystal. — This is a school appointment on the Stark charge. Rev. H. E. Allen has had the assistance of Evangelist P. E. Call. The community is greatly stirred. Quite a number have signified their purpose to serve the Lord. A sight of special interest was a quintet of boys of about seventeen years of age who sat together. One after the other started until the five had decided for God. There is deep conviction among the people. What a need there is in many quarters of going out with the Gospel message to these outposts!

Jesse Lee Memorial Preachers' Meeting. — This meeting, held at Woodsville, Dec. 3-4, brought together a fair-sized company of the preachers. It was a most thoroughly interesting and profitable gathering. As the title would indicate, it was chiefly historical. Sketches of the history of churches were given that made a part of the old Landaff circuit, and it is safe to say that all in attendance know more of the early days of Methodism in the north country than they did before. Beside the preachers of our own Conference who were present — Rev. Messrs. Cleveland, Onstott, Folsom, Prescott, C. J. Brown, Shattuck, Eaton, I. C. Brown, Loyne, Bragg, and Cramer — there were also Rev. Messrs. Webb and Hough, of the Vermont Conference. Rev. W. Wood, pastor at Berlin, in the Maine Conference, was represented by a sketch of Methodism in that place, which he sent. Revs. R. E. Thompson and E. E. Reynolds, not being able to come, sent well-prepared sketches of the churches they serve. Mr. W. F. Whitchee read an interesting paper on "Social, Political and Religious Conditions in New Hampshire in 1800." Rev. A. H. Webb not only gave a most interesting sketch of Methodism in Bradford, Vt., but a paper of great interest, "An Estimate of Jesse Lee." One of the most unique, original and interesting features of the meeting was the sermon by Rev. A. J. Hough, of White River Junction, Vt., on Jesse Lee. It was a contribution of prose and poetry. The text was Gen. 6: 4: "There were giants in the earth in those days." New England Methodists ought to hear it. At the close of Rev. T. E. Cramer's sermon,

Monday evening, a consecration service was held, and it was a service of great spiritual good to all present. It was indeed a most profitable preachers' meeting. If every pastor in the White Mountain district could have been present they would have enjoyed it. The people of Woodsville were so kind in their entertainment that Mr. Loyne even suggests they might entertain the Annual Conference.

Concord, Baker Memorial. — The reports indicate good congregations, an increasing Sunday-school, the Epworth League doing good work, the Ladies' Circle active and a good spiritual influence present. Their only difficulty is the financial problem, and with this they are wrestling heroically. Rev. W. H. Hutchin is putting in splendid work here.

Jefferson. — Because of the serious illness of his mother, caused by a stroke of paralysis, Rev. R. E. Thompson has felt compelled to ask to be relieved from his charge for the rest of the year. We reluctantly consented, because of his feeling of duty. Rev. Austin H. Reed, a student of the Seminary, has been taken from the school and sent to fill out the time.

Landaff. — For fourteen weeks the pastor's wife, Mrs. Willis Holmes, has been confined to her bed, seriously ill. She is slowly, but they hope surely, recovering. Mr. Holmes has, for this reason, been kept much at home. He has been very anxious to push the work of revival. As soon as he is able to give time to it, he will be in the front of the battle.

Lyman. — We rarely ever visit this place that it is not in a storm of rain or snow. From our experience we might be led to infer that it always storms here; but we are assured this is not the case. At our visit, Dec. 9, we worked our way through snowdrifts, with a cutting wind in the face. These people appreciate the earnestness of the pastor, and fully sympathize with him in the long-continued illness of his wife, and will fully meet his claim.

Lisbon. — The work is fairly prosperous. Rev. L. D. Bragg longs to see the salvation of God, and is earnestly laboring with that end in view. They are planning for a service in memory of one hundred years of Methodism in this place, to be held near the new year.

Bethlehem. — Rev. C. M. Howard is not yet able to preach. He is doing his best to get well, and his people are helping him by their kind words and by exacting nothing of him that he does not feel fully able to perform. He constantly hopes to be ready for the preaching part of his work ere long. Meantime the pulpit will be well supplied. Mr. Howard asks us to express his thanks to the preachers present at the meeting at Woodsville for their kind expression of sympathy. It was a great comfort to him.

North Haverhill. — Congregations keep up well, and the Sunday-school has an excellent average. A bitter cold night brought out a large attendance to the quarterly conference. The finances are in good condition, and the outlook for the rest of the year is encouraging. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Eaton, is much appreciated by the people. The loss of their daughter, who by her marriage has moved to Franklin Falls, is keenly felt by the church. She was in charge of the primary department of the Sunday-school where she did splendid work.

Haverhill. — Rev. C. J. Brown has held a series of meetings for a couple of weeks. They were of much help to the church. He is busy in pastoral work as well as his studies. Reports show good congregations and good Sunday-school attendance.

Stark. — Special meetings have been held for some time. Rev. H. E. Allen had the assistance of Evangelist Call. He writes of the first week: "We began Tuesday evening. There were three started Wednesday night, two Thursday night, and two Friday." He visited a family some distance away, and the wife gave her heart to God. More are expected to yield.

Monroe. — The pastor, Rev. I. C. Brown, received 6 by letter on a recent Sabbath. Several have been converted during the year.

Alexandria. — Rev. Arthur Wadsworth is faithfully serving this people. Some have sought the Lord. They are paying up the claim very promptly.

Bristol. — Ten days of meetings were profitable to those who attended. The pastor longed to see many there who did not dismiss life's cares in time to get to the house of God. Hence he did not see the results desired. Sunday morning congregations are excellent.

Suncook. — After weeks of earnest work and equally persuasive talk, Rev. R. T. Wolcott has secured every dollar of the parsonage debt, amounting to \$2,050. This will be mostly paid by Jan. 1, and all of it before Conference. This is a part of the debt-paying that counts on the Twentieth Century Thank Offering. Everybody is delighted, especially those who contributed. Much credit is due the pastor, who has labored very hard to bring this about.

Ashland. — This young society is doing excellent work. The claim is fully paid to date; benevolent collections are well in hand; congregations, Sunday-school, and Epworth and Junior Leagues are prosperous; and they are ready to pay \$100 on their debt, which is part of the Twentieth Century giving. The pastor, Rev. E. C. E. Dorion, is preaching a series of Sunday evening sermons on the Apostles' Creed. The third quarterly conference took time by the forelock and asked the pastor's return for a fourth year.

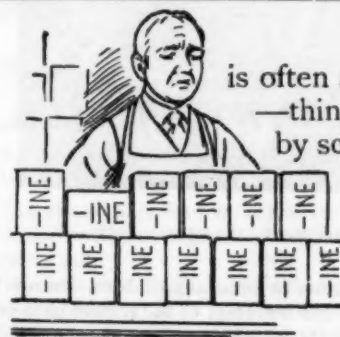
Of Interest to One. — The Christmas time brought from the Ohio home two photographs that are of peculiar interest to this correspondent. About two miles north of Canton, Ohio, he preached his first sermon in a school-house. This was away back — well, several years ago. He has never been in that school-house since that day, but last spring went by the spot, where now stands a nice new building, while a quarter of a mile further on is the old building, now a dwelling house. How the sight of it brought back the memory of that hot August day, when, trembling so he could hardly tell his own name, he tried to preach for the first time! Some kodaker has put both the old and the new house on paper and sent them to us. We shall prize them very much.

Personal. — At this writing Franklin Falls Methodists are in great anxiety concerning one of their noble young men, Mr. J. Ray Sargent, who only a few weeks ago took as a wife Miss Edith Eaton, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Eaton. He was stricken with appendicitis, and it was decided that an operation was necessary. A Boston physician was sent for, and the operation performed. A host of praying men and women are asking God for his speedy recovery.

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Manchester District

West Derry. — The Epworth League of this church is furnishing a fine lecture course this winter, consisting of five lectures and one concert for one dollar. The pastor, Dr. D. C. Babcock, opened the way by a lecture-sermon on "Character Building," Sunday evening, Nov. 11.



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Manchester, St. Paul's.—Reports are very flattering from this society, showing excellent work on all lines, with finances in good condition. Recently 17 persons were received into full connection into the church from probation. At the third quarterly conference, by a standing vote, Rev. Samuel McLaughlin was unanimously requested to remain another year.

Manchester, First Church.—Fine reports were given at the quarterly conference. Harmony prevails, several persons were received into the church the past quarter, and the matter of debt-paying is progressing. Rev. C. W. Dockrill is pastor.

Manchester, St. James.—The third quarterly conference gave the best reports, thus far for the year. The people seem to be in the best of spirits and most hopeful. Pastor and presiding elder are paid to date, and the spirit of the meetings is helpful and inspiring. We hope for this church a great baptism of the Spirit. Rev. C. Byrne is pastor.

Salem, First Church.—This church has recently enjoyed a very gracious series of evangelistic services. The people united with those of the Congregational Church, and pastors of adjacent churches assisted in preaching the Word. Several young people have accepted Christ as a Saviour, and the churches have been quickened in the faith. A delightful spirit of harmony exists between these two churches. Union services have been held on Sunday evenings during several months of the past year. There ought to be more of this spirit in all our churches. Rev. A. B. Rowell is the successful pastor.

Nashua, Arlington St.—Rev. C. C. Garland gives the Gospel no uncertain sound. On a recent Sabbath in the morning he preached on "Peter after Pentecost," and in the evening on "The Necessity of Conversion." Ten persons have started in the Christian life the last two Sunday evenings.

Hudson.—The church at Hudson, where Rev. W. J. Atkinson is pastor, has just celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of Methodism in the town, and the twentieth of the dedication of the present house of worship. They commenced the celebration Friday evening, Dec. 7, with a supper by the gentlemen of the congregation, and had a good time. Sunday morning the pastor was assisted by Rev. G. W. Buzzell, a former pastor, and it was a blessed season. Greetings from former pastors were read, one of which was by Rev. C. H. Chase, the first regularly appointed pastor of the church. Then came the roll-call, and 55 names were read, with 40 responding. After the roll-call a baptismal service was held, and three persons united with the church. The entire membership then present assembled around the altar and were led in prayer by the pastor. All joined hands and sang, "Blest be the tie that binds." It was a time of precious memories and of spiritual power. In the evening a union service was held in our church, with the Congregational Church uniting. The pastor of that church and one layman spoke, also Rev. W. J. Atkinson, pastor of our church, and Mr. Thomas Nutbrown, superintendent of our Sunday-school. Mrs. Mary J. Woodbury sang a hymn which was sung at the dedication of the church in 1840. A beautiful poem was written for the occasion by Mrs. Hosley, of Brockton, Mass., which was read by Miss Edna Wilson. The people are doing excellent work here this year. They are not a large, but a heroic band, and the number is constantly growing. Mr. Atkinson is popular and is seeing encouraging results of his work. He speaks in favor of his people, and they in turn praise him. May this old church long stand and grow and do good!

Contoocook.—The good work in this church is reported by all parties as on the increase; congregations, Sunday-school, social meetings and the work of the Epworth League are all doing well. When the pastor, Rev. J. G. Cairns, returned to his work with his bride, the people of the church gave them a hearty reception and

presented them with \$25 in cash. The new occupant in the parsonage has made a fine impression and is proving a helper indeed.

Webster.—Prosperity is enjoyed by this church. They keep the bills paid, and recently 3 were received into the church from probation, 1 by letter, 1 on probation, and 1 was baptized. The membership has nearly doubled since the present pastor, Rev. J. G. Cairns, took charge.

Dover District

Lawrence, Garden St. Church.—At the close of the regular service, Sunday morning, Dec. 23, the pastor, Rev. James Cairns, received on probation 28 candidates. The ordinance of baptism was administered to ten persons. Seven members were received by letter. In the evening an excellent concert was given under the direction of Mr. C. T. Daniels, superintendent of the Sunday-school, and Mr. Charles Stackpole, musical director. The decorations of the church were very beautiful and showed much skill and taste.

Rev. F. H. Morgan and wife, who have been six years in mission work in Singapore, are at their old home in Lawrence. No one can tell

the story of missions so well as one fresh from the field. Our churches will do well to secure the services of Mr. Morgan at an early day. Dover District ought to make a good advance in missionary collections. Plan early and systematically, and secure a subscription from every member of the church.

Methuen.—Recently 3 have been baptized and 5 received on probation. Some valuable improvements have been made on the interior of the parsonage. The expense was met by the Ladies' Circle. The Junior League is prospering finely. They have increased their membership from 30 to 80.

Amesbury.—A novel entertainment was held a few weeks ago in the City Hall. The business interests of the town were advertised, and an interesting program presented. The receipts amounted to nearly \$200. Several additions to the church membership have been made during the quarter. A movement is being made to cancel the small indebtedness on the parsonage.

Somersworth.—The work of the church is progressing favorably. Congregations are good. The pastor is preaching a series of sermons, Sun-

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day evenings, on "The Acts." The quarterly conference has asked for the return of Rev. G. N. Dorr for another year.

Chester. — This is one of our pleasantest country churches. The prayer-meetings are well attended and spiritual. One will hardly hear more prayers and testimonies in many of our city churches. The presiding elder was present at a social service on a Sunday evening, and can truly say, "It was good to be there." May many precious souls be brought into the kingdom before the Conference year closes!

Greenland. — This town is not as cold as its name suggests. When the railroad named the station North Greenland, the people objected, and their petition was granted; so it is simply Greenland as of old. Here is a warm-hearted people. The church has always had a good minister, and the minister a good church. In former years several of our aged preachers selected this delightful village for their homes. Dr. J. A. M. Chapman has a very pleasant residence here. The ministrations of Rev. A. E. Draper are enjoyed. He holds a preaching service Sunday evenings.

Raymond. — The church edifice has been repainted at a cost of \$80. All bills for improvements are paid, with a balance in the treasury. A fine Junior League of 24 members has been organized by the pastor's wife, Mrs. W. J. Wilkins. There have been some conversions of late. There is a rising tide of hopefulness. May an old-fashioned revival stir the whole town! Nobody would be injured, but every one helped.

East Candia. — The widow and daughter of Rev. James Adams reside in Candia, but some distance from our church. Mr. Adams was a conspicuous figure in the New Hampshire Conference twenty-five years ago. His influence still lives in this community, and his name is spoken with great respect. One hundred dollars' worth of books have been added to the Sunday-school library — a gift of Frank Chase, of Methuen, Mass., in memory of his father, Elihu Chase, who resided here.

Sanbornville. — William M. Sanborn and wife have just returned from a pleasant trip to Washington, D. C. Mrs. Sanborn was a delegate to the National Convention of the W. C. T. U. Mr. Sanborn is one of our best Sunday-school superintendents. The pastor, Rev. Geo. R. Locke, is preaching Sunday evenings on "The Parables." He is, of late, taking some leading Bible character for his subject in the week-night prayer-meetings.

Brookfield, four miles out, is a school-house appointment, services being held Sunday afternoon. The attendance is never large, but quite regular. This little society is a model in caring for its finances.

Kingston. — Sunday, Dec. 9, was a great day for Methodism in Kingston. The morning congregation was large, and the number in the Sunday-school was considerably increased. In the evening 12 were received on probation, several of whom are heads of families. The pastor, Rev. Mark Tisdale, gave them instruction in the Christian life, and they in turn told what God had done for their souls. The old-time members were reminded of former years of refreshing, and rejoiced that they had lived to see this day. When there is joy in heaven over sinners turning to God, the church drinks the wine of gladness, and the joy of the Lord is their strength. A new class has been formed. Revivals and class-meetings always clasp hands under the banner of God's saving love in our Methodist communion. They that love the Lord love to talk of God's love together, and hunger for instruction.

Milton Mills. — Mrs. Read and Miss Wilson, who labored so successfully at Hampstead and Kingston, are now engaged in a revival campaign with Rev. A. M. Markey. We are expecting good news of salvation from this charge.

Dover. — St. John's Church was very fortunate in being permitted to listen to Prof. I. T. Headland, of Pekin University, China, Dec. 9. No one can tell about China so well as one conversant with the people and their customs in their ownland. The pastor made this the occasion for taking the missionary collection. The French work in Dover is starting well. Rev. W. H. Leith is getting at the hearts of the people. Bishop Mallaleu is deeply interested in the work among this people in New England. His plan, if faithfully pushed, may save some of our churches that would otherwise be crowded to the wall by the immigrants from Canada.

Portsmouth. — Eight have recently been received into the church — 6 from probation and 2 by letter. At the third quarterly conference the committee on church improvements reported progress. They have \$2,400 in the bank and \$1,400 in good pledges. They expect to commence work in the early spring. A daughter, Eleanor, has come to the parsonage and received a warm reception.

Zion's Herald. — By invitation of Dr. Parkhurst I was present at the business meeting of the Wesleyan Association, Dec. 12. I wish every Methodist preacher in New England could have been there and heard the reports of publisher and editor. I am sure the subscription list of our paper would be doubled in a twelve-month. Brethren, let us put the HERALD into every Methodist home! No better assistant to the pastor can be found. ZION'S HERALD as a New Year's gift is most appropriate. As an evangel of light it would cheer many a sad heart.

A Word for the New Year. — The church of God has been longing for, and expecting, a great religious movement that should mark a new epoch in the world's history. "Thy kingdom come" has been our prayer since the days of Christ on earth. "Watchman, what of the


night?" May the morning suddenly, gloriously burst upon us! May the churches of Dover District move forward to victory! "A thousand souls for Christ" is our rallying cry. "Is it not the Father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom?" May this be the very best New Year in our spiritual life and work for God!

— EMERSON.

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is blessed with the services of one of our most thoroughly consecrated and earnest ministers, Rev. G. D. Holmes. Two have recently joined from probation. The average class-meeting attendance is 21. Rev. C. W. Routh conducted special services a few weeks since. He is an able expounder of the Wesleyan doctrine of holiness, and a man of a sweet spirit. His ministrations were greatly enjoyed. A. S. Hisbee, who was an active worker in the campaign which resulted in the election of Rev. S. F. Pearson sheriff of Cumberland County, was granted a local preacher's license, Nov. 24.

West Cumberland and South Gray.—The improvements on the church property have been noted. But another word ought to be said. Those on the parsonage are of such a character as not to make much show; but I do not know as another man in the Conference would have planned such an unpleasant job. Two old chimneys were taken down and rebuilt, both of them from the cellar; and a new stairway has been built, leading from the front entry, and thus enlarging the kitchen. Rev. D. Pratt has lent a willing hand, and his wife has been not only patient, but enthusiastic. The two Sunday-schools are continued during the winter.

Long Island.—Rev. W. S. Jones is one of our veterans, but it would tax the strength of many a young man to do the work that he does. He preaches twice each Sunday, and his sermons are greatly enjoyed. Two have recently joined in full, and two on probation. The benevolences are faithfully looked after.

A. S. L.

Portland District

Gorham, North St.—The pastor, Rev. James Nixon, has held some special meetings, and is to continue them. He faithfully instructs the children at their homes.

Buxton.—Former pastors will be glad to hear that the ancient stove-pipes, which passed over their heads while standing in the pulpit, have been taken down, a chimney built at the front end of the church, and a fine new stove set up. This, with other repairs costing over fifty dollars, was mostly done by the Ladies' Aid Society.

At **South Standish** congregations are small and the outlook discouraging, but a faithful few are determined to keep the church open and are making sacrifices to do so. A revival is needed to restore old-time prosperity. The pastor, Rev. William Bragg, and his wife are energetic workers.

Preachers' Meeting.—The December meeting was attended by twenty-one. Sixteen took dinner together. Rev. W. S. Bovard read an excellent paper on the work of the Holy Spirit, which elicited considerable discussion. The general opinion prevailed that it was more important to know we have Him and bear the fruit than to be able to explain when and how He came.

Westbrook.—On Sunday, Dec. 2, Rev. C. F. Parsons baptized 12 persons and received 20 on probation. Others are to be immersed and received later.

South Portland.—Miss Mary E. Lunn presented the interests of the deaconess work at First Church and Elm Street, with encouraging results. Her services are much enjoyed by our people.

Saco.—The newspaper reporters sent out some sensational accounts of a recent sermon on lawlessness given by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Strout. The audience present, of which a large percentage was men, endorsed his utterances as timely and sensible. The officials in league with lawbreakers naturally objected to having the searchlight thrown on their action or inaction. The people of Maine are slowly awaking to a sense of the condition of things here, and

something will be done. The work of the Civic League, under the leadership of Rev. W. F. Berry, is making an impression.

Portland, Congress St.—The attendants at the Itinerants' Institute found the ladies of this church royal entertainers. Excellent dinners were served in the vestry, and a cordial welcome was given in the homes. The lectures by Prof. A. W. Anthony of Bates College were very interesting. His general topic was, "The Unrecorded Life of Christ." Round Tables on the "Preparation of the Sermon" and "The Social Service" elicited earnest discussion. Rev. D. B. Holt conducted the postgraduate class.

Portland, Peak's Island.—Nearly one thousand dollars in land and cash are ready to be paid to the trustees from the Brackett legacy.

Gorham, School St.—The president reports an increased attendance on devotional meetings, indicating a revival in spiritual life. An annual barrel is sent to the Epworth Settlement in Boston. This chapter pays the presiding elder's claim this year. That official is proud to have the endorsement of the young people, but doubts the wisdom of robbing the people of this great privilege.

Portland.—The Chestnut Street chapter entertained the other Epworth League chapters of the city on Dec. 6. There was a very large attendance and a successful meeting in every respect. There were brief speeches by Rev. Messrs. Freeman and McAllister, and an excellent program of vocal and instrumental music, a recitation, and an Indian-club exercise. Light refreshments were served. The success of the affair was largely due to the assistant pastor's wife, Mrs. F. R. Griffiths.

Portland, West End.—Rev. C. C. Whidden has taken the missionary collection and reports the good news that it exceeds the apportionment. Let all the churches do likewise!

Kennebunk.—This charge is enjoying a genuine revival. Souls are converted in its regular meetings. There have been eleven conversions and nine received on probation. Another natural result is that all bills are paid. The average attendance at class-meeting has been thirty. Congregations are larger than usual. The treasurer's report at the quarterly conference ended with an exhortation to higher spiritual attainments. With debts paid, money in the treasury, and no fairs or suppers necessary, such a model report was possible and easily accounted for.

West Kennebunk.—Special services resulted in five conversions. Finances are in good condition. Bills are all paid to date. The Sabbath-school is prosperous. The Epworth League has a large opportunity in a constituency of young people who might be attracted to the church for their social, literary, and eventually their religious life.

Biddeford.—A very interesting and profitable roll-call meeting was held, Dec. 12. A circular letter had been sent out, inviting all members and probationers to be present and to make a contribution for church expenses in an envelope provided. A free banquet was served, Scripture texts or personal testimonies given, and short speeches made, interspersed with music. The reception committee was selected by the Ladies' Aid and Epworth League. It was a very profitable occasion financially and socially, as well as promotive of Christian fellowship. About \$200 were given. This plan is a great improvement in every way upon fairs and ordinary suppers.

South Portland, People's Church.—Rev. J. A. Corey has been sick for several weeks, but hopes to be soon again at work. His pulpit has been supplied by Revs. F. R. Griffiths, F. A. Leitch, W. S. Bovard, and A. C. Trafton.

Kennebunkport.—The pastor, Rev. Insley A. Bean, held extra services for three weeks. The church was helped, but no conversions resulted. His courage is good, and, supported by some faithful ones, he looks for victory. The ladies are working hard to pay the last fifty dollars of the parsonage debt, and expect to succeed within a few days.

At **Cape Porpoise** there are good congregations and some interest. Several have taken the pledge to endeavor to secure ten conversions.

Ellot.—Mrs. E. A. Porter, widow of a former pastor, is enjoying the kind ministrations of the nurses at the Deaconess Hospital in Boston. This church recently took a thank-offer-

ing for current expenses amounting to \$73. It gave a spiritual uplift to the church, and is another instance of the superiority of this method of raising funds over fairs and suppers. The pastor has nearly recovered his



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York.—Rev. O. S. Pillsbury is encouraged by some religious interest awakened in meetings held by him, assisted by Rev. J. W. Lewis, of Maryland Ridge. Several have asked for prayers. The sermons are highly praised as eloquent and forceful presentations of the Gospel. The pastor is succeeding by hard work in raising an old debt of about \$200 on current expenses. His next plan is to complete the pledges on the church debt. The pastor's son, Myron, is the very efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Kittery, Second Church.—Prosperity on all lines was reported at the second quarterly conference. Revival meetings have been held resulting in the conversion of several persons. Two have been received on probation, 2 into full membership, and 3 by letter. The employment of a new force in the Navy Yard has brought in some valuable helpers for the social services. A new organ costing about \$1,500 has been secured, largely through the efforts of two young ladies—Misses Lillian Jackson and Millie Damon. On Sunday evening, Dec. 23, the Epworth League officers were installed with impressive ceremonies, the presiding elder giving the address in place of the quarterly sermon. Reports of retiring officers indicated excellent work done in all departments. The study of the Bible under direction of the Literary department was a successful experiment. The Sunday-school has increased in attendance.

Clark Memorial, Woodfords.—Rev. C. A. Terhune was quarantined during the holidays with a mild case of diphtheria. Neighboring pastors are kindly supplying the pulpit. It will be several weeks before he can take up his work again.
E. O. T.

Augusta District

Augusta.—Rev. H. E. Dunnack is a very busy man, but he, like other faithful pastors, sees the fruit of his labors. His personality is felt in each department of church work, especially in the Sunday-school, which is three times larger than at the opening of the Conference year. And this is also true of the day and evening congregations. Mr. Dunnack is also making a strong fight for the class-meeting, which is much of a back number with many of the preachers and churches. Thank God for men who will keep the old landmarks in sight! This pastor is organizing his forces for aggressive work on spiritual lines. His efforts are not fruitless, because his people are with him to a member. He is getting each department into an organized form for effective work. During the past quarter 3 have been received by letter, 2 from probation, and 5 on probation. Finances are well up to date, and the prospect is good for a filled blank and all bills paid at close of the year.

Madison.—Rev. S. E. Leech, the pastor, is to be congratulated for the victories he has won as the leader in the new church building enterprise. A more united and happier people is not to be found. Every man is on the high side, with an eye out for the best interest of the church. A church edifice, costing \$7,000, and paid for at dedication, is no small matter to a country church. We congratulate you, brethren! Every member wants to take Zion's HERALD to get a copy which contains an account of the dedication.

Personal.—Rev. F. H. Hall and wife are afflicted by the death of a little daughter, who recently came to their home, but only for a few days, when God took the bud of promise and comfort to Himself to bloom in the Paradise of God.
C. A. S.

N. E. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

New Bedford District

New Bedford, Portuguese Work.—The rapidly increasing commerce between New Bedford and the Cape Verd Islands makes the departure and arrival of vessels at this port of frequent occurrence; but it is not often that foreign missionaries sail from here. Such, however, was the fact, Dec. 20, when Rev. George B.

Nind, for some time in charge of the Portuguese work in New Bedford, and editor of the Discipline and Hymnal in the Portuguese language, sailed for Poroacao, Brava, Cape Verd Islands. The history of our work there reads like a romance, and may be told, or re-told, later in these columns by a more facile pen. Mr. Nind goes out under Bishop Hartzell to organize the work already begun.

His departure was made the occasion of a farewell meeting (Friday, Dec. 14) in the new Portuguese church—the first Portuguese Methodist Episcopal Church building in the world. The meeting was under the auspices of the New Bedford City Evangelization Union. The president, Rev. T. J. Everett, presided. Rev. J. H. Buckley, of County St. Church, offered prayer. Friends from all the Methodist churches in the city were present, and of course a large number of the Portuguese brethren. Mr. Robert F. Raymond, delegate of the City Evangelization Union to the recent national convention at Allegheny City, gave a report of that convention. A company of young people, under the direction of Miss Hoxie, deaconess, sang several times in the Portuguese language. The Allen St. quartet rendered some very appropriate selections. The congregation sang, two languages blending in the grand old hymns of the church. The presiding elder introduced the following pastors, in order, who spoke briefly: Revs. J. H. Buckley, S. E. Ellis, Eben Tirrell, W. E. Kugler, and L. M. Flocken. Mr. Jose Gomes Balla, a young man twenty-three years of age, was the next speaker. Mr. Balla was converted in New Bedford some time ago, and on returning to his native island began to tell the story of the Cross. He and two other young men were largely instrumental in the conversion of a number of their people. While no organization was formed, the little company was held together, and it is to this "class" that Mr. Nind is looking for supporters of the new work in Brava. Mr. Balla has proved himself a worthy follower of Jesus Christ, suffering persecution and imprisonment for the name of Christ in Brava. He spoke briefly, but very sincerely, winning the ears and hearts of the people. He has practically had charge of the New Bedford work for some months. He is in this country seeking an education. Let the generous friends of the cause bear him and his associates in mind.

Rev. Benj. R. Duarte, a missionary of the Advent Christian Church, a native of Brava, who sailed in the same vessel with Mr. Nind, was present and spoke very fluently of the condition in the island.

Rev. G. B. Nind spoke last, and was listened to with deep interest. He reviewed the work in New Bedford and outlined his new plans. At the close, Messrs. Nind and Duarte took their places at the altar rail, and the entire congregation passed by, giving the warmest Christian greetings.

The sailing of the vessel, the "Adelia Chase," a small whaling schooner, was delayed until the 20th. A number of friends were at the wharf to bid the missionaries a final good-by. Mr. Nind goes with the earnest prayers of his many friends here that God's abundant blessing may attend his labors.

New Bedford, Howard Church.—On Sunday, Dec. 2, the pastor, Rev. Geo. G. Scrivener, received 3 on probation, 3 by letter, and baptized 1. The work in this growing section of the city is steadily gaining in influence and numbers.

New Bedford, Allen St.—A series of special meetings recently held resulted in a number of conversions. Six have been received on probation, 2 into full membership, and 2 adults and 1 child baptized. The Sunday-school work is becoming a strong feature of this church. The primary department is one of the growing auxiliaries. It is well-officed and conducted on up-to-date methods. A new furnace has been put in the parsonage which is greatly appreciated by the pastor, Rev. L. M. Flocken, and family.

New Bedford, Fourth St.—The December meeting of the Social Union was held in the vestry of this church, Dec. 17. Rev. S. F.

Upsham, D. D., of Drew Theological Seminary was the speaker. He made clear, vivid pictures of early Methodism in New England, and showed the influence of Baltimore Methodism upon the thought of the church in this region.

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Fall River, Quarry St.—The pastor, Rev. E. F. Studley, gave a very interesting lecture upon "Travels in Ghost Land," before the Young Men's Club of the church on a recent Monday evening. The church choir furnished music.

Wareham and East Wareham.—The vestry of the Wareham church has been painted and its appearance greatly improved. Special meetings have been held for three weeks at Oakdale mission chapel. Three young people confessed Christ. The pastor conducts a singing school of fifty pupils. On Dec. 4, a series of meetings were begun in Fireman's Hall, Onset. This is the Spiritualistic centre. The pastor's first address was on "What Dante Saw in Hell." The newspapers gave a very graphic if not sensational report of the service. The work goes on. The above proves Mr. Butler a very busy man. He has able and willing helpers in Mr. Geo. H. Wilbur, local preacher, and Mr. A. C. Covell, who have rendered much valuable aid in the Forward Movement work.

Fall River, First Church.—Bishop Mallalien preached in First Church, morning and evening, Dec. 16. There was a large attendance. The two front rows of pews in the body of the church were filled with young people, mostly recent converts. Their presence was heartily recognized by the Bishop. Dr. Benton conducted the opening exercises and read a letter from Bishop Joyce in which he rejoiced in the good work going on in First Church. There were several seekers during the day.

South Middleton.—Evangelists Richards and Kilrain have assisted the pastor in revival

services. They begin meetings in the Congregational Church, Rock, the next village, Jan. 1. Rev. B. F. Raynor is pastor at South Middleton.

L. S.

Brockton and Vicinity

Brockton, Central.—On Sunday, Dec. 2, this hospitable people gave to the congregation of the First Baptist Church, in its misfortune from fire, a most cordial welcome to their church home. The pastor of the Baptist Church, Rev. George B. Titus, preached, and Dr. Kaufman baptized one candidate, and received one from probation and one by certificate. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

South Braintree.—Rev. J. S. Bell is looking forward to a revival. Two girls have already sought the Lord. The people of this charge generously provided their pastor's family with a fine Thanksgiving dinner, and also a purse of money. Let the good work go on.

East Braintree.—It is a pleasure to report the thoughtful interest taken in all charitable enterprises by our Epworth and Junior Leagues. The Epworth League of this charge, the week before Thanksgiving, sent a well-filled barrel to the Providence Deaconess Home. Monday evening, Dec. 3, at a social given by the Epworth League, the mite-boxes were opened, and as the result a check for \$17 was sent to Presiding Elder Bass to be applied to the liquidation of the debt on the Rockland Central Church. The Junior League has just made a donation to the Thanksgiving fund of the local church. This fund now aggregates upwards of \$70. Pastor Kirkby and his people are greatly encouraged over the financial condition of the church, and now special efforts are being put forth to develop the spiritual life of the community. On Sun-

day, Dec. 2, Rev. J. H. Allen, of East Weymouth, preached an able and spiritual sermon to this people.

East Bridgewater.—Rev. John Pearce, Dec. 2, received one on probation. The work here steadily progresses. Pastor and people are united and happy.

Brockton, Swedish Immanuel.—Rev. Charles Samuelson, on a recent Sunday, received 2 on probation and 1 into full connection. On Saturday evening, Dec. 1, the Epworth League chapter held an interesting literary meeting. The pastor delivered an address on "Secret Societies—the Use and Abuse of the Same." Mr. Samuelson did effective work in the no-license campaign.

Campello.—Dec. 2, Rev. H. B. Cady received 2 by certificate. Special meetings are being held. Last week, Rev. W. J. Kelly and Rev. George E. Brightman preached.

Brockton, Franklin Church.—Dec. 2, Rev. J. N. Patterson received 1 by certificate, 1 from probation, and baptized 1. This pastor by his able preaching and faithful pastoral work is winning success.

Whitman.—Dec. 2, the primary department of the Sunday-school gave an excellent harvest and Thanksgiving concert. Miss C. M. Pratt is the progressive superintendent of this department. On the evening of Dec. 6, Mrs. N. C. Alger, of Bridgewater, gave a fine lecture on "Curious People and Curious Customs," before the League. Mrs. Alger exhibited interesting curios, and all present were greatly pleased.

Brockton and Vicinity Preachers' Meeting.—On Monday morning, Dec. 3, in the Central Church, Rev. J. S. Bell, of South Braintree, preached a brief but thoughtful sermon on "Working Out Your Own Salvation." These meetings are so delightfully social and spiritually inspiring, that they are nearly always well attended.

Brockton.—On Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the polls, the temperance forces achieved a signal victory. After a well-managed campaign it was found when the votes were counted that 1,170 was the majority against the saloon—a gain of more than 500 votes over last year. Methodist ministers, churches and young people's societies contributed largely to this glorious result.

G. E. B.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Springfield District

Springfield, Trinity.—On communion Sunday in October, 22 persons were received to membership. On communion Sabbath in December, 2 were taken on probation, 7 received from probation, and 5 by letter. Two persons were baptized. Christmas services were held on Dec. 23, morning and evening. The quarterly conference recently voted, unanimously, to "engage the services of a deaconess as soon as the money to pay necessary expenses shall have been raised."

Wesley Church.—On Dec. 16, Rev. W. G. Seaman, of Wesley Church, Salem, preached in exchange with Rev. Dr. C. F. Rice. On that day the attendance at Sunday-school was 238. A somewhat unusual plan for raising money is in use in this school—that of endeavoring to secure a pledge from each member. A very large number make pledges, and the annual receipts are about \$500. The school gives one-fifth of its receipts to missions, and one-third to the other benevolences of the church. It is rumored that Wesley Church is soon to engage the services of a deaconess or assistant pastor. And such would seem to be needed, in view of the fact that the pastor has some six hundred families on his calling list.

Asbury Church.—At the fourth quarterly conference, held Dec. 17, the pastor, Rev. W. J. Heath, received a unanimous and hearty invitation to return for the fifth year.

Enfield.—The revival services were continued for five weeks, with excellent results. As a fruit of the work 18 have been received on probation and 2 by letter. At a recent meeting of the Epworth League eight active members were received. New chairs have been placed in the vestry. The church finances are in excellent condition.

Southwick.—Revival services with excellent results have been held by the energetic pastor Rev. A. B. Tyler.

Greenfield.—Rev. W. C. Townsend preached the sermon at the union Thanksgiving service

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held in the Second Congregational Church. The sermon was well reported in the Greenfield Recorder.

Chicopee Falls. — At the third quarterly conference, held recently, a unanimous request was made that the pastor, Rev. A. H. Herrick, be returned for the fourth year. The religious interest on this charge is good. H.

Boston District

Boston Preachers' Meeting. — Very comprehensive and able papers were read on the general subject of the "Achievements of the Closing Century," as follows: "Religious," James Mudge; "Industries and Inventions," N. T. Whitaker; "Commercial Expansion," Edwin H. Hughes; "Education," Franklin Hamilton. These papers showed critical and exhaustive care in preparation. The meeting for Jan. 7 will be addressed by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, D. D., field secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society; subject, "The Real Strategic Points for the Church's Work."

Plainville. — A steady revival interest prevails upon this charge. Since July 1, nine of the young people have joined the church on probation, and nine others have recently professed conversion. The pastor is holding extra revival services, assisted by neighboring pastors. Rev. Thomas Tyrie, of Attleboro, preached on Thursday evening, Dec. 27. The young people recently held a sale of useful and fancy articles from which they netted \$100. This, with \$15 that they had in their treasury, is to be paid on the church debt. At Christmas the pastor, Rev. F. J. Hale, and family were generously remembered with money and other gifts.

Lynn District

Peabody. — The church in Peabody has been holding a series of revival services. The testimony of the oldest members is that they have been the most successful ever held in this church. There have been several happy conversions, but the chief result is a general quickening of the church. The pastor, Rev. G. H. Cheney, has been assisted by Dr. and Mrs. H. C. McBride, of the New York East Conference, who at present are doing evangelistic work. Mr. and Mrs. McBride have won all hearts. They are a success.

Wilmington. — The work is going well. The audiences are good and new members are coming in at almost every communion. The rejuvenated church edifice is being much enjoyed. The Sunday-school is growing, and all the rooms of the church, including the audience-room and choir loft, are occupied with classes. Two of the veterans, most useful and much missed — Moses Holbrook and William Montgomery — have been laid aside for some weeks, but are slowly regaining strength. The pastor, Rev. O. W. Scott, is leading the church on to success in all lines.

Gloucester, Prospect St. — This church, under the care of the efficient pastor, Rev. G. H. Perkins, has started, in union with the Baptist and Congregational societies, cottage meetings, in which much interest is shown. The pastor's wife is improving, and has the prayers of the church for her speedy recovery.

Lynn, First Church. — Dec. 30 was "Decision Day," and it proved to be such in the life of many who attended the services. In the adult department of the Sunday-school the pastor, Rev. R. L. Greene, D. D., gave a straightforward, manly talk on the General Rules of our church. He then asked those who were ready to make a decision to write their names on a card as wishing to unite with the church on probation. Many young men and women responded. Every member of one class of young men signed the card. Dr. Greene preaches to crowded houses on Sunday evenings, and is getting a strong hold upon the city.

First Church, Everett. — This church bade farewell to Rev. C. M. Hall, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, prior to his departure for Knoxville, Tenn., to become pastor of First Church, that city. The affair was in charge of the Ladies' Social Circle. The Sunday-school was invited to help in decorating; the official board had charge of the program; and the Epworth Leaguers assisted in passing the collation. The high regard that the church had for Mr. Hall as a pastor was shown by the beautiful gifts presented to him and his family by the members of the church. A beautiful silver service was given to Mrs. Hall, a diamond ring to Miss Lizzie Hall,

and from the Junior League an Epworth League pin. Mr. Hall was presented with a dress-suit case. Speeches of appreciation were made by representatives from the various societies, and the evening passed most delightfully. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served. Large number present.

The next week, Dec. 24, a reception was extended by the church to the new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, late of Knox-

ville. After prayer by Mr. James Wark, and a musical selection by the church choir, speeches were made by Rev. Messrs. Sweet of the Congregational Church, Harris of the Baptist, Hamilton of the Universalist, and Shepleigh of the Glendale Methodist Episcopal Church. A letter of congratulation from Rev. C. M. House of the Glendale Baptist Church was read, and a telegram of congratulation was received from Rev. C. M. Hall. Representative H. H. Newton wel-

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comed the pastor and family. Coffee, cake and lemonade were served by the ladies of the church. The high school orchestra furnished music.

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BOSTON YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION will hold a meeting daily during the Week of Prayer at 40 Berkeley St., at 11 a. m.

WILBRAHAM ALUMNI. — The Wilbraham Academy Alumni Reunion will be held at the United States Hotel, Beach St., Boston, Jan. 17. Social at 5; supper at 6.30. For tickets apply to Arthur E. Dennis, 43 Kilby St., Boston.

DEDICATION AT WESTON. — The Weston Methodist Episcopal society will dedicate their new church, Jan. 20, with an all-day service: 10.30 a. m., sermon by Dr. J. H. Mansfield, presiding elder of Cambridge District. 3 p. m., dedication service, sermon by Dean M. D. Buell, of Boston University School of Theology. Dedication conducted by Dr. Mansfield. 7.30, sermon by Rev. Charles F. Russell, pastor of First Parish Church.

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PORTLAND DISTRICT PREACHERS' WIVES' ASSOCIATION. — First meeting will be held at Chestnut St. Chapel, Monday, Jan. 7, at 11 o'clock, in connection with the Preachers' Meeting. An interesting program has been arranged. Dinner at 1 p. m. at the Sherwood. All wives or widows of Methodist preachers of any district are cordially invited. If possible, notify the secretary of your intention to be present.

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CORPORATION OF WESLEYAN HOME. — The annual meeting of the Corporation of the Wesleyan Home for the Children of Missionaries will be held at 36 Bromfield St., Boston, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 2.30 p. m.

CLARA M. CUSHMAN, Sec.

DEDICATION AT FEEDING HILLS. — The new Methodist Episcopal Church at Feeding Hills will be dedicated Jan. 9. Bishop Mallaleu will preach at 2 p. m., and Rev. Charles F. Rice, D. D., in the evening. All former pastors and friends of the society generally are cordially invited to be present.

H. B. BUCKINGHAM.

W. F. M. S. — Fitchburg District Association W. F. M. S. will hold a meeting at Athol, Wednesday, Jan. 9. Sessions at 10, 1.30 and 7.30. Address by Miss Miranda Croucher, of Tien-Tsin. Lunch furnished by ladies.

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JOSEPH COOK'S 251ST LECTURE. — Joseph Cook will give, under the auspices of the Evangelistic Association, his 251st Boston Lecture in Park St. Church, Monday, Jan. 7, at the noon hour. The subject is as follows: Spiritual Appraisals of the Nineteenth Century — Religious Fruitfulness of Evangelical Theology from Edwards to Park; Watchwords for a New Age. Prelude: Bishop Potter's Crusade against Vice. Ex-President Harrison on Luzon and Cuba.

MEMORIAL SERVICE. — In Park St. Church, Sunday evening, Jan. 6, at 7.30, a memorial service for Dr. Cyrus Hamlin and Prof. Edwards A. Park will be held. This date has been chosen because Prof. Park's birthday was Dec. 29, and Dr. Hamlin's, Jan. 5. At the time of their departure many people were absent from the cities and at summer resorts, and so, as in the case of Dr. Storrs, of Brooklyn, for whom two memorial services have been lately held in that city, this commemorative service is now appropriate. Dr. Withrow will preside, and addresses in reference to Dr. Hamlin will be made by Secretary J. L. Barton of the American Board, Rev. S. L. B. Speare, and Prof. Meloon, an Armenian. For Prof. Park the speakers will be ex-President Alvah Hovey, of the Newton Theological Institute, Rev. A. H. Plumb, D. D., and Joseph Cook. An original hymn entitled, "A Litany for All Saints," has been prepared for

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W. F. M. S. — The quarterly meeting of the New England Branch will be held, Jan. 9, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Hyde Park. Executive meeting at 10 a. m. Public meetings at 11 and 2. In the afternoon there will be a missionary symposium, and Miss L. M. Hodgkins will speak on the "Thank Offering — Deut. 11:12." Luncheon served by ladies of the church at 15 cents. Cars at subway for Forest Hills connect with cars for Hyde Park, passing Everett St., on which the church is situated.

ANNIE WESLEY PHINNEY, Rec. Sec.

— Rev. E. O. Thayer, D. D., presiding elder of Portland District, living at Portland, Me., writes: "As a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference, I would be pleased to correspond with any persons contemplating a trip to Europe next summer with a view to joining parties being organized by the well-known Methodist tourist agents, Baker & Gibson, of New York."

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OBITUARIES

That grave but hides her worn-out dress -
One of God's sure-winged messengers
I see her, on swift errand sped,
Glad of the task which strong souls ask,
Earth's sharpest pain grown littleness,
In the new tide of life made hers,
Smiling that we should call her dead!

Smile on, dear heart, until the dawn!
When once the eternal heights are bared,
And the long earthly shadows flit,
And, with clear eyes, we front the skies,
We, too, shall smile with heavenly scorn
At the dull, human selves who dared
To call life "Death," and pity it!

- Susan Coolidge.

Coult. - After years of sickness and suffering Rev. Anson Case Coult was translated to his eternal home and reward in the early morning of Oct. 5, 1900.

Mr. Coult was born in that part of Manchester, N. H., known as Massabesic, on May 22, 1836. His parents were pious members of the Congregational Church, so that in his youthful days he enjoyed the safeguards of Christian training and the example of a religious home life. At the age of fourteen he was suddenly and sadly bereaved of his parents, both of whom were killed by a railway train at a crossing near the present site of the New Hampshire State Prison at Concord. He attended the schools of this city, graduating from the high school, being noted especially for his proficiency in mathematics. After leaving school he spent several years as a clerk in a mercantile establishment. While thus engaged in Brockton, Mass., and when about nineteen years of age, he gave himself to the Lord and His service. He soon felt a call to the work of the ministry, to which he yielded after having given the matter serious and prayerful consideration. He was a student at the Biblical Institute at Concord for three years, graduating therefrom. He was received as a probationer in the New Hampshire Conference in 1863, and was ordained deacon by Bishop Ames at the Conference held in Dover in 1865, and elder by Bishop Kingsley in St. Paul's Church, Manchester, in 1867.

Mr. Coult was married, in 1863, to Miss Jennie M. Davis, of Bow, who has been his faithful companion and wise helpmate during all the years of his itinerancy, and who now in her loneliness cherishes glad memories of the past and a glorious hope of reunion in the home which is beyond. Their union was blessed in the birth of a son, Charles Edwin, who stayed with them for fourteen months, and was then received by Jesus, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

Mr. Coult has filled some of the most important appointments in the Conference with great acceptability. He has served the following charges: Airstead and Gilsam, Marlboro and Pottersville, Hampton, Canaan St., Winchester, Salem (First Church), Hinsdale, Marlboro, Franklin Falls, Lancaster, Penacook, Claremont, and Hooksett. In 1895 he was granted a supernumerary relation, at his own request. He was exceedingly clear and very forcible in his preaching, never aiming at novelty or sensationalism. He held closely to the old truths of the Bible and the doctrines of Methodism. He read with discrimination the latest researches in ancient history, archaeological discoveries and biblical criticism, yet found no better way of leading folk to the experiences of salvation than in preaching Christ and Him crucified.

Mr. Coult was chairman of the board of stewards for many years, giving every case presented for consideration careful thought, then often with a sad heart reporting the small amounts which the limited resources of the Preachers' Aid fund would allow in the distribution to each person. As a member of the Conference board of trustees, and one of the committee for invest-

ing its funds, his financial capabilities were of great benefit to his brethren. He carefully looked after a number of bequests in which the wills were made with some irregularity, and by his business methods saved to the Conference several amounts. He became treasurer of the Weirs Camp-meeting Association when the finances were giving its friends much concern of mind; but by his careful management of its funds and property, the sale of lots and collection of debts, he lived to see the Association practically out of debt and in possession of a splendid property.

Shortly after he became a supernumerary he came to Manchester and built a home near the First Methodist church, in which he resided and where he died. He was a valuable assistant to the pastor as a wise counselor and in the social meetings, which he always enriched by his clear and concise testimony. His sight began to fail about three years ago, and at the time of his decease he was almost entirely blind. His inability to read as of old was to him a great privation, yet he bore this and all his sufferings with great patience. Little by little his strength failed; disease sapped the vitality of body, when he quietly and peacefully passed to his last and best appointment where "congregations ne'er break up, and Sabbaths never end."

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist church, Oct. 8, after a brief service held at the home by Rev. J. E. Robins, D. D. The Scriptures were read by Revs. C. U. Dunning and D. C. Babcock, D. D., prayer was offered by Rev. E. R. Wilkins, and appropriate and tender addresses were delivered by Revs. Irad Taggart, Edwin Morrill, and the pastor. Music was furnished by the church quartet, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. H. Hutchins. Interment was in the family lot at Goffstown, where the body of little Charley has rested for many years. The services at the grave were conducted by Revs. C. Byrne and S. McLaughlin.

C. W. DOCKRILL.

Merrill. - Jacob S. Merrill, son of the late Rev. A. D. Merrill, after an active and useful life of nearly fourscore years, fell asleep in Jesus at the home of his son, Geo. A. B. Merrill, in Wakefield, Mass., Sept. 13, 1900.

Mr. Merrill was born in Salem, N. H., Oct. 17, 1821, and was the brother of Joshua and Wm. B. Merrill, now of Boston. He married Harriet D. Barnes, Sept. 1, 1842, and since her decease, Nov. 15, 1873, has made a home with his two daughters, Hattie E. and Martha E., both of whom survive him. He was converted when eighteen years of age, and first united with the Harvard St. Church. Later, in 1868, with his honored father, who had then located, he joined what is now the Epworth Church in Cambridge. In 1872 he returned to Harvard St., where he was for several years superintendent of the Sunday-school. He removed to Wakefield in 1880, and united with the M. E. Church by letter. He served on the official board for nearly eighteen years, and was indeed a faithful steward in the church of God. In the Sunday-school he was an interesting and instructive teacher, and as superintendent he was an efficient leader, interested in the children and helpful in leading them to a better life. He continued to be a constant attendant upon the services of the church and a zealous worker until failing health compelled him to lay aside his church duties.

In March, 1900, having removed to Malden, he united with the Centre Church. A few months later he was stricken down, while still in the midst of his active business life, with what proved to be his last sickness. With his two daughters he came back to Wakefield, and in the home of his son was tenderly cared for by loving hands until the final summons came.

Mr. Merrill was a gentleman, courteous, kind and sympathetic. He was a man of sterling worth, honest in all his views, cheerful, helpful, loving, happy in his home, genial in society, and pure in all his relations. One who had labored with him in the church said: "He was one of the sweetest followers of Jesus I ever knew." He lived as seeing the invisible. Knowing that here he had no continuing city, he looked for one beyond. He had strong faith in God, and read with great delight such portions of the Word as the twenty-third Psalm and other passages that expressed God's care and gave assurance of a life beyond. One who had been helped in his Christian life by him said:

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Sabin. - Mrs. Maria Sabin, after a brief illness, died Dec. 1, 1900, in her 84th year, in St. Joseph, Mo., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Zelpha Stoddard.

Mrs. Sabin found her Saviour in the early bloom of her young womanhood, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She lived to exemplify in her life many of His precious promises. Her mind was bright and clear, her spirit sweet, lovely, gracious, beautiful; her life was fellowship with Jesus; her death was a peaceful falling asleep in His arms.

Funeral services were conducted by her daughter's pastor, Rev. C. L. Custer, of the Wyatt (Park) Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. E. P. Reed, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Sabin was a constant reader of ZION'S HERALD for over fifty years. Vermont and Massachusetts papers are requested to copy this notice.

C. L. C.

Cook. - Mary Louisa Bulkley Cook was born at Fairfax, Vt., June 19, 1847, and died at Coventry, Vt., Nov. 27, 1900.

When about twenty years of age she experienced religion and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Glover, Vt., where she was then living. She was married to Milton Cook, of Bloomfield, Vt., Dec. 23, 1866, and went there to live. She was a great help to the church in that place, where her husband was one of the most active and useful members. Two years ago he

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passed to his reward. Since his death she has lived with her niece, Mrs. W. W. Dow, of Coventry. Her last days were spent with Charles Bergoin, who had lived in her father's family. She went there for a visit, and was taken so ill she could not return to her niece's home. Everything was done for her that loving friends could do. The writer visited her a few days before her death, and found her trusting in her Saviour and patiently waiting her release. She was the last of her father's family. She leaves four nieces and two nephews to mourn their loss. The funeral services were held at Mr. W. W. Dow's by the writer, Nov. 28. Her remains were taken to Bloomfield and laid beside those of her husband.

JOSEPH HAMILTON.

Crook.—William B. Crook was born in Springfield, Mass., Nov. 12, 1828, and died in the city of his birth, Dec. 4, 1900.

In his sixteenth year Mr. Crook left home to seek employment in the neighboring town of East Longmeadow, and while there was brought into the experience of religion under the preaching of the pastor of the Congregational Church. The next important event in his life occurred a few years later, when he was married in Chicopee, Mass., by Rev. Dr. Os-

good, of the First Congregational Church, to Mary Chandler, of Granby, who blessed his home for fifty years. Five children were born to them, three of whom died in childhood. Another member of the family, Edna, passed away while the sun of her life was yet at high noon. The father, mother, and four children are survived by a daughter, Winifred May, who cherishes the precious memory of a sainted mother and father, and finds consolation in the presence of the God of all comfort.

Mr. Crook had been for a number of years a member of Trinity Church. He made many a brave fight during his life with temptation, and always conquered. He was very active at one time in temperance reform in and out of his native city, and for a period was engaged in Sunday-school work. He was gifted with a clear mind and ready and effective utterance. He was a man of strong convictions, and never failed to assert them when the occasion demanded it.

Until 1800 he enjoyed unbroken good health. Then his health suffered a break, from which, however, he recovered. But shortly after his dear wife passed to heaven (1897), signs of a collapse appeared. These signs became more marked until, within a few months prior to his death, it became evident to his near friends that the end was approaching. He died in great peace and in the triumph of the Gospel of the grace of God. He was laid to rest beside his wife and children, in the family lot at Chicopee, just as the sunset of a lovely December afternoon reddened the western sky. Rev. Dr. Frederick Woods, an old friend and pastor for some years of the family, assisted the present pastor, Rev. A. C. Skinner, in the funeral services.

A. C. S.

Bartlett.—It is altogether fitting that Mrs. Betsy Bartlett should have mention in the roll-call of the honored dead which from time to time is being sounded by the religious press. She was born in Northfield, Vt., June 12, 1833, and died at the home of her daughter in Rochester, Vt., Nov. 2, 1900.

When but a young woman she was united in marriage with M. P. Bartlett, who died several years ago, leaving one daughter, Mrs. Ryland Smith, of this town. At the age of nineteen she was converted to God at a Methodist camp-meeting, but did not unite with the Methodist Church until 1886, after which she continued a loyal and honored member of the same until her removal to the church triumphant. The house of God was her favorite place. The prayer-meetings had her support in presence and testimony. Revival work brought out the earnestness of her spirituality. Prayer was the key to her beautiful life. She was willing to fill any vacancy, and thought no service too menial for her Master's honor. She was a member of the board of stewards, Epworth League, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Ladies' Aid Society, and a teacher in the Sunday-school. We are poorer that she has gone, but richer that she has lived.

For nearly a year Mrs. Bartlett was confined to her home, and most of this time to her bed. During this long illness she was greatly comforted by the daily visits of her niece, Mrs. Dr. Chaffee, and the presence of her daughter with whom she lived, and who with tender hands and loving heart ministered to all the needs of her mother. Life wrote its preface of pain to the eternal story of bliss, and long patience ended in perfect peace.

The funeral services were held at her home, Sunday, Nov. 4. The house was crowded with her many friends. The W. C. T. U. attended in a body. Rev. E. W. Sharp officiated. In the evening a memorial service was held in the church. It was the Epworth League consecration meeting, and when her name was called, while she was answering to it in heaven, it was responded to here by persons representing the different organizations connected with the church. Between each response a verse of a consecration hymn was sung by the choir. The memory of that sweet, true life will be a precious guide to those of her friends who are left.

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WATCH night was a red-letter night in the history of the Watertown Church. On that evening the members and friends of the church came from all sections to attend the watch night service, which was rendered unique this year by the inauguration of the chime of bells presented by Mr. Frederick A. Russell-Whitney. A beautiful sight met their gaze as they entered the stately edifice. By the thoughtfulness of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Whitney, the interior of the church had been transformed by decorations of laurel and evergreen, and the effect was heightened by the combined use of gas and electricity.

The program covered the time between 9 and 12, and, though long, was sufficiently varied to maintain the interest to the last. The first half of the evening was devoted to the presentation of the chimes by Rev. I. H. Packard, pastor of the church, who, in the absence of Mr. E. B. Eaton, represented Mr. Whitney, and its reception by Mr. L. S.

Cleveland, chairman of the board of trustees. A series of bright, effective addresses of congratulation followed from Rev. E. A. Rand, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd; Rev. E. C. Porter, pastor of the Phillips Congregational Church; Rev. W. F. Greenman, pastor of the Unitarian Church; Rev. James Grant, pastor of the First Baptist Church; H. H. Sawyer, chairman of the board of selectmen; G. Fred Robinson, chairman of the school committee; W. E. Macurda, vice-president of the Young Men's Assembly; O. W. Dimick, president of the Associated Charities; Fred G. Barker, president of the Young Men's Christian Association; and T. Frank Holmes, commander of Isaac B. Patten Post 81, G. A. R.

After a short intermission the second half of the program began at 10.45, the principal feature being an effective sermon by Bishop Mallalieu from the text, "What hath God wrought!" The Bishop was at his best as he traced the wonderful progress of Christendom during the century just closing. Shortly before midnight the chimes pealed forth, "Hark, hark, my soul," and "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," which was followed by a few moments of silent prayer, the solemn hush of which was cleft at midnight by the pealing of the midnight hour on the large bell. This was rung by Miss Isabel M. and Master Harold O. Whitney, niece and nephew of the donor. Immediately after midnight the church chorus and the congregation united with the chime in greeting the new century with the inspiring "Blow ye the trumpet;" and after lingering to exchange hearty congratulations and wishes for a Happy New Year, the large assemblage

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